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RBI holds rates, vows to keep price stability

MPC keeps repo rate unchanged at 6.5%; RBI forecasts real GDP growth for 2023-24 at 6.5%, projects CPI inflation to average 5.1% this fiscal year

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided unanimously on Thursday to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5% for the second straight meeting, with Governor Shaktikanta Das stressing that the RBI "will remain watchful and proactive in dealing with emerging risks to price and financial stability".

Laying out the rationale for the MPC's decision, Mr. Das stressed that "the best contribution monetary policy could make in helping the economy realise its potential would be by ensuring price stability".

"Headline inflation, however, is still above the target as per the latest data and is expected to remain

> We have made good progress in containing inflation... despite three years of global turmoil, India's growth has bounced back
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> **Shaktikanta Das**
> RBI Governor

so according to our projections for 2023-24," he noted. "Therefore, close and continued vigil on the evolving inflation outlook is absolutely necessary, especially as the monsoon outlook and the impact of El Nino remain uncertain."

The MPC also decided to remain focused on withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation progressively aligns with the target, while supporting growth. "The rate action this time is obviously a pause. Future action will depend on the evolving situation," Mr. Das added.

The RBI forecast real GDP growth for 2023-24 at 6.5%, and projected CPI inflation for the current fiscal year to average 5.1%.

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'Half of ₹2,000 notes have come back to banks'

MUMBAI
In the 17 days since the RBI commenced the withdrawal of ₹2,000 notes, about half (₹1.8 lakh crore) of those notes in circulation have returned to the banking system, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said.

International flight services to shift to KIA's T-2 from Sept. 1

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

All international flight operations at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) will be shifted to Terminal-2 (T-2) from September 1.

Currently, all international flight operations are confined to the 15-year-old Terminal-1 (T-1).

The 2,55,661-sq. m T-2, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 11, 2022, became operational on January 15. At present, T-2 is operating only domestic services. Three domestic carriers, Star Air, AirAsia India, and Vistara are operating from the new terminal.

A BIAL spokesperson said that starting from September 1, T-2 would be exclusively used for international flight operations.

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Monsoon sets in over Kerala after 7-day delay

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The southwest monsoon arrived in Kerala on Thursday, four days later than the original forecast date of June 4 and a week after its "normal" onset date of June 1.

"Southwest monsoon has advanced into remaining parts of south Arabian Sea and some parts of central Arabian Sea, entire Lakshadweep area, most parts of Kerala, most parts of south Tamil Nadu, remaining parts of Comorin area, Gulf of Mannar and some more parts of southwest, central and northeast Bay of Bengal," the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

Apart from "widespread rainfall", the criteria for the onset of monsoon that must be met include windspeed of a minimum strength and at a particular depth in the atmosphere and a degree of clouding

Better late than never: A man crosses a wooden bridge in rain at Kumbalanghi near Kochi on Thursday. THULASI KAKKAT

that ensures consistent rain, as the monsoon travels into the mainland.

Favourable conditions

"The strength of westerly winds in the lower levels has increased and is about 19 knots. There has been widespread rainfall over Kerala in the past 24 hours. Considering all the above satisfied conditions, southwest monsoon has set in over Kerala," the IMD said.

The conditions are "favourable" for the further advancement into parts of the central Arabian Sea, remaining parts of Kerala, some parts of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, southwest, central and northeast Bay of Bengal and parts of northeastern India during the next 48 hours, the IMD noted.

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Onus is on Perez to keep the 2023 season alive as Verstappen threatens to drive away with it

After a promising start, the Mexican driver seems to have lost the plot, allowing the reigning champion and Red Bull teammate to take a sizeable lead of 53 points after seven races

FORMULA ONE

S. Dipak Ragav

Formula One is going through a period of growth with sky-high interest and popularity across the globe. It is a remarkable change for a sport that was always on the precipice of crisis in the last decade.

When the pandemic hit in 2020, F1 was one of the first sports to feel the pinch, as the Australian Grand Prix had to be cancelled days before the start of the season. For a sport that rides on hundreds of millions of dollars in running costs and where teams seldom make money, it faced a dire future as the world came to a grinding halt.

But, like every cloud has a silver lining, the time when the world was locked up allowed people to learn more about the sport with the 'Drive to Survive' series. It also accelerated a much-needed regulatory change in the form of a budget cap to end the arms race that had plagued the sport for the last few decades.

When racing resumed later that year, there was a massive interest in the season despite Lewis Hamilton cruising to his seventh world title as he equalled Michael Schumacher's record.

Shot in the arm

The shot in the arm came the following year when the title fight between Hamilton and Red Bull's Max Verstappen went down to the wire. The controversy surrounding how the title race was decided on the last lap of the final race in Abu Dhabi only ratcheted up the interest level as the sport crowned a new champion.

Ever since Verstappen ascended to the top, the sport is witnessing one of the most talented drivers to have ever turned a wheel operate at his absolute best.

While watching great masters of sport do their thing at their peak is exciting, the lack of a strong challenger can damage the sport as the buzz could quickly dwindle if results become easily predictable.

F1 is no stranger to such occurrences when interest waned during Michael Schumacher's heyday at Ferrari or even recently when Mercedes dominated the sport from 2014.

In 2022, Ferrari and Charles Leclerc posed a small challenge, at least in the early part of the season, before Verstappen sleepwalked to his second title with four races left to spare.

With the new rules introduced last year, Red Bull was able to steal a march over its rivals as it sealed both the Drivers' and Constructors' titles with relative ease. So coming into the second year of the rule cycle, there was hope that rival teams, especially the big ones like Ferrari and Mercedes, would close the gap.

But one-third of the way into the current season, it is pretty clear that the crowns will likely stay in Milton Keynes (Red Bull Racing's base in the UK).

In the seven races held so far, only once has a Red Bull car not been in pole position – Leclerc in Baku – with Verstappen and his teammate Sergio Perez sharing the spoils.

Bull run: After winning five of the first seven races, Verstappen looks to etch his name in the history books with a hat-trick of titles. Perez needs to dig deep to make a fight of it. AFP & GETTY IMAGES

When there is a dominant car, the title battle can get dreary quickly, with the only chance for a competitive fight predicated on the teammates of the team being equally matched.

Iconic battles

F1 has seen some iconic battles like these: Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna in McLaren (1988, 1989) and more recently with Hamilton and Nico Rosberg when they were teammates at Mercedes.

For the 2023 season to have some life, Perez needed to step up in a team built around his teammate and rival.

And after the first four races, even as it became evident the fight would be between the Red Bull drivers, the Mexican driver did just that to win two.

Perez has always done well in street circuits, and his wins came in such venues in Jeddah and Baku. However, to sustain a title challenge, a driver must not only win on days when things fall in place or at circuits where he goes well but also be able to limit the damage in races where your rival has an edge. It is this second trait that Perez has been found wanting as his title campaign has fallen off the rails.

Contrast this with Verstappen, whose worst finishes this year have been a pair of second-place finishes in races Perez won.

Ever since 2021, it has been tough to find any chinks in Verstappen's armour, and the mistakes he committed could be just a handful spread over more than 50 races.

The 25-year-old's level is close to what Roger Federer showed at Wimbledon between 2003 and 2007 or Rafael Nadal at the French Open.

To illustrate, in the last two races in Monaco and Spain, Verstappen stamped his authority with wins from the pole position dominating the field with eye-popping margins. In contrast, the Mexican driver has committed a series of errors, especially in qualifying, that has left him 53 points behind his teammate.

With a series of more conventional tracks in the next few months, where Verstappen generally tends to have the upper hand, Perez has little hope.

Left-handed compliment

Even Red Bull team boss Christian Horner does not think much about Perez's chances when he gave a left-handed compliment, saying he expects his driver to do better now that the pressure of fighting for the title is not there anymore.

The statement doesn't scream confidence when there are still 15 races left in the season, and a 53-point deficit is not insurmountable, but the grim truth is that it is an honest and accurate summary of where the title race stands today.

If Perez wants to give a fitting reply to his critics and even his team's boss, he needs to quickly find some mojo when the F1 caravan regroups in Canada. The layout of Circuit Gilles Villeneuve is like a street circuit and something that can suit Perez's strengths. He has gone well here, taking his second podium for Sauber back in 2012 and will hope some fond memories can revive his campaign.

More importantly, Perez's form is crucial to infuse some much-needed life into the rest of the season from a sporting standpoint, and the bosses at Formula One will be desperately hoping the title race stays alive as long as possible so that hard-found gains for the sport doesn't fizzle out quickly.

Guardiola's philosophy a sought-after 'brand' among the best in Europe

Aashin Prasad

Barcelona had lost the La-Liga crown to bitter rival Real Madrid for two successive seasons in 2007 and 2008 under head coach Frank Rijkaard, and club president Joan Laporta's next step to take the team back to the top was to gamble on an untested Josep 'Pep' Guardiola.

Guardiola, who came through the fabled La Masia (Barca's academy) and went on to play and then captain the first team, had just led the Barcelona B team back to the Segunda Division B (Spain's third tier) by winning the Catalonia division in his first season as a coach.

According to Laporta, when he approached him about the job, Guardiola responded saying that he hadn't the courage to hire him. Laporta, though, was convinced that Guardiola would be the man to revive Barcelona while playing the Barca way.

His decision was justified when the club won a historic treble in his maiden season and would go on to win LaLiga two more times and the Champions League again in his four years among other trophies there. "We chose a philosophy, not a brand," Laporta would later say.

The philosophy which Guardiola has implemented, over the course of the last 15 years with success, is now a sought-after 'brand' among the best clubs in Europe. Since Guardiola's departure in 2012, Barcelona has been desperately seeking to recreate his brand of football.

Chasing the holy grail: Guardiola started off with a bang in his debut season as Barcelona coach with the crowning glory being the Champions League title in Rome. The Catalan, though, doesn't believe his own legacy is dependent on him claiming Europe's top prize again, specially after the six league titles he has now claimed as City coach to go with the other titles at Barcelona and Bayern. But the loss to Chelsea in the 2021 final must cut deep and he has a chance to heal that when City faces Inter in this year's grand finale. AP, REUTERS, GETTY IMAGES

Years after his exit from Bayern Munich, Thiago Alcantara said the club still employed his ideas during matches. Manchester City and the City Football Group (CFG), Guardiola's employers since 2016, have recreated the 'Guardiola Blueprint' across their various affiliated clubs. His influence was also stamped in Spain's national team's golden generation when it won the World Cup and the European Cup between 2010 and 2012.

Guardiola, who modelled his philosophy on Johan Cruyff, revolutionised one-touch football to another level with the speed at which his teams passed through teams and suffocated teams off the ball. While those who believed in his ideas would call him a 'perfectionist' (Xavi Hernandez), those who fell foul of his methods labelled him a 'philosopher' (Zlatan Ibrahimovic).

In one of his early press conferences from his days as Barcelona coach, Guardiola was asked to explain his philosophy. He simply put it as, "I get the ball, I pass the ball. I get the ball, I pass the ball. I get the ball, I pass the ball..."

The financial backing in the transfer market and the best facilities at his clubs have allowed Guardiola to bring out various iterations of possession-based football, producing some spellbinding attacking football and innovations seen in the modern era.

From his early days in Barcelona, where the team was sprinkled with diminutive technically gifted footballers to the physically overpowering, yet skilful ball-players in the current Manchester City team, Guardiola has pursued perfection through evolution.

While the ethos of stifling opposition high up the pitch was a consistent feature in his teams, his recent City team has been conservative in that department and has been focussed on not getting caught on counter-attacks.

Academy aversion

While he has undoubtedly upskilled quality players to another level, Guardiola, who took his first steps in coaching with the Barcelona B team, has rarely placed his trust in an academy player. Sergio Busquets and Pedro Rodriguez (both at Barcelona in 2009) and tipped-for-great-things Phil Foden (Manchester City) remain the only players who have managed to break through under Guardiola.

Another blemish against his name would be that he has not won a Champions League – the biggest club competition prize in Europe – since 2011. Also, he has not won the continental trophy without the best player in the world, Lionel Messi. Guardiola's teams since Barcelona have been well-rounded teams with exceptionally talented players but have lacked the individual brilliance of a Messi. In the only Champions League final he has played in since 2011, he lost the final against Chelsea with Manchester City.

Overthinking

Critics have often alluded to 'overthinking' in big games for Guardiola's failures in the Champions League.

The most infamous decision-making was his ploy to not use a designated defensive midfielder in his starting XI in the final against Chelsea after having started either Rodri or Fernandinho in all of the club's previous 59 games that season. City lost 0-1 to a counter-attack goal and managed just a single shot on target.

It's hard to say if the decision had a significant bearing on the result. In the previous two meetings against Thomas Tuchel's Chelsea that season, City had played with Rodri, and both Rodri and Fernandinho, respectively, and still ended up losing both times. Guardiola rationalised his use of Ilkay Gundogan in the single pivot for the Champions League final stating the German would help speed up the play against Tuchel's deep-block defence.

"If I tell you the reason I made the decision, maybe you think I'm right. If I win, I'm right, if we lose I'm wrong. In this business, you have to accept it. It was a tight game and in many ways, we were better but we lost. Would I do differently now? Maybe, yes but that doesn't count," Guardiola continued to address the decision in the build-up to the final against Inter Milan on Saturday as City aims to win a first Champions League crown.

While Guardiola insists that his players and the City team, which has not won the Champions League before, must make the 'definitive step' and get over the line, he doesn't believe his own legacy is dependent on him winning the Champions League again.

Staggering numbers

The staggering numbers accumulated across Guardiola's 14 seasons in management speak for themselves. His teams have scored 2048 goals while conceding just 622 goals across competitions. He also has an impressive win percentage of over 70 in all three clubs.

He has won the league in 11 of his 14 seasons and has reached the Champions League semifinals a record 10 times - most for any manager.

Despite Guardiola's reluctance to get drawn into his tryst with the competition, his appointment at City was not a gamble and was done with the aim of taking claiming the 'holy grail' of the Champions League.

A victory would certainly embellish his glowing CV and mark him out as the man to put City in the same breath as its famous rival, Manchester United.

Shivakumar firm on taking on big builders; says every law will be used to clear encroachments

Deputy Chief Minister visits Yemalur, Sarjapur, and Varathur and directs BBMP to complete storm-water drain works as soon as possible

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who went around the city inspecting storm-water drain works in flood-prone areas on Thursday, said the State will use every possible law to raze encroachment of rajakaluves by real estate companies.

Mr. Shivakumar visited areas in Yemalur, Sarjapur, Varathur, and other places and directed the BBMP to complete works as soon as possible. After Mr. Shivakumar took charge, this was the first time he inspected SWD works. It should be noted the BBMP during its flood assessment had cited SWD encroachment as a major reason for waterlogging. Mr. Shivakumar, while inspecting the works, said he found construction of high-rise buildings and layouts by builders and developers encroaching the drains. In about 118 locations, stay was brought against the BBMP from carrying out demolition drive.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar inspecting the drainage system at Yemalur in Bengaluru on Thursday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Mr. Shivakumar, upset at builders securing stay from courts against BBMP, said: "The State government will use every possible law and every possible means to remove those structures." He visited Rainbow Drive Layout near Sarjapur, layout at Yemlur, Divyashree apartment, and other areas and in some localities, he ordered a survey of SWDs.

At one place, he noticed that the width of a storm-water drain was reduced to 7 metre from 12 metre. He directed BBMP Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath to build an unlined drain increasing it. He said SWDs should have a minimum width to carry away rainwater to prevent flooding.

At Rainbow Drive Layout in Sarjapur, Mr, Shivakumar listened to the woes of residents who were affected by flooding last year.

Mr. Shivakumar, talking to presspersons, said in 2017, a survey carried out by the Revenue Department had identified encroachments in 2,971 survey numbers, of which BBMP had successfully cleared obstacles in 2,167 survey numbers. In 2023, the BBMP cleared encroachments in 88 survey numbers. Action was also being taken to raze structures in the remaining 666 survey numbers.

To tackle flood, 55 excavators, 26 tippers, and 14 tractors were on standby round the year and ₹35 crore had been allocated to each Assembly constituency to desilt 581 km length of rajakaluves, he said.

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International flight services to shift to T-2

With the shifting of all international flight operations to T-2, the old terminal or T-1 will cater to only domestic operations. "To minimise the impact on passengers, the refurbishment will begin after relocating all international traffic to T-2. By transferring international operations to T-2, the airport creates a window of opportunity with reduced demand on T-1," a spokesperson said.

A total of 31.91 million passengers travelled through the KIA during 2022-23. Of this, 28.12 million were domestic passengers and 3.78 million international passengers.

BBMP sets up temporary clinic as more residents of apartment fall sick due to water contamination

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The Health Department of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has set up a temporary clinic at Mahaveer Ranches apartment, off Hosa Road in Choodasandra, where children and other residents have been falling sick due to suspected water contamination, even as two children are currently being treated at a private hospital. An FIR has been filed at Parappana Agrahara station in this regard.

Since Monday, children and senior citizens have been complaining of diarrhoea, vomiting, and fever. So far, about 167 people have been affected.

A resident said that although health officials are camping at the apartment, the situation has not changed much as the number of people falling ill has only increased. Water is now being supplied from outside by the BBMP and water bottles are being given to apartments for drinking and cooking purposes.

A resident, whose daughter is also suffering from fever, said two children have been admitted to the hospital.

In March, residents had complained to the builder about water contamination after testing the samples. The apartment sources water from borewells dug on its premises and tankers in summer. The residents allege that the large water tank in the apartment was not cleaned and no action was taken to fix the problem. As the project is yet to be completed, the builder has not constituted a Residents' Welfare Association.

Balasundar A.S., Chief Health Officer (Public Health), BBMP, told *The Hindu* that of the four who were admitted in hospital, two have been discharged and two are recovering. The BBMP has set up a makeshift clinic at the apartment and is supplying water from outside and has pumped out contaminated water from the tank. Of the 155 people checked on Thursday, about 30 to 35 showed symptoms. However, he added, the situation was under control and the BBMP was monitoring the situation.

Officer caught taking bribe

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Lokayukta officials on Thursday trapped N. Narasimamurthy, Panchayath Development Officer of Agalakuppe Gram Panchayat, in Nelamangala, allegedly while accepting a bribe of ₹2 lakh.

The accused had demanded ₹6 lakh from Shivanna, resident of Vijayanagar, for khata transfer and sought an advance of ₹2 lakh. Shivanna filed a complaint with Lokayukta.

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How long-term stress impacts the intestine and your life

Chronic psychological strain and pressure can precipitate inflammation and dysmotility in the gut, details a recent study published in *Cell* journal; important for future research and clinical practice, say doctors in India

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EXPLAINER

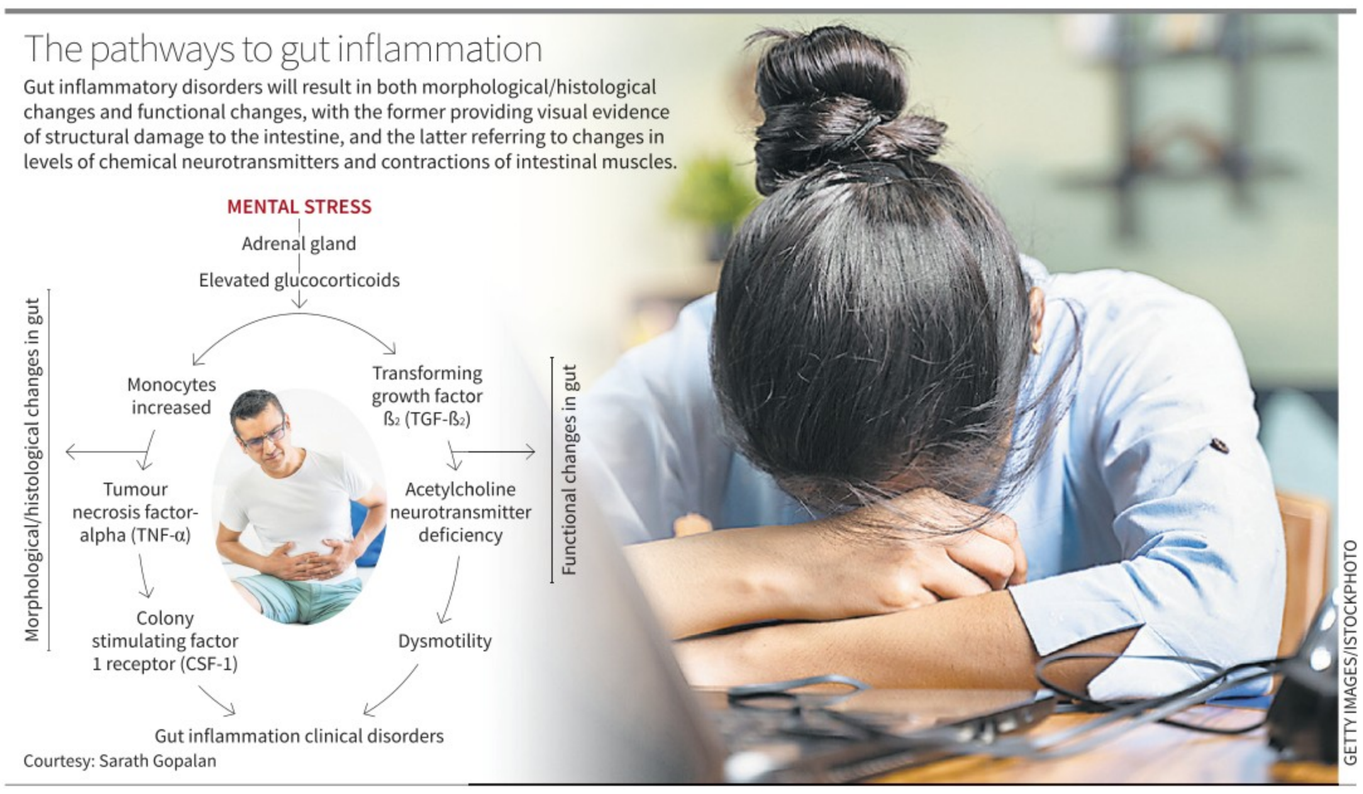
The crossroads of mental health and gastroenterology got a lot more attention in May this year, with a study published in *Cell* journal, titled 'The enteric nervous system relays psychological stress to intestinal inflammation'. "Mental health profoundly impacts inflammatory responses in the body. This is particularly apparent in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), in which psychological stress is associated with exacerbated disease flares," it said, in summary.

"It's an important study. What is excellent is that for the first time we have a much clearer understanding of the possible underlying mechanisms of inflammatory response and the whole cascade which ultimately precipitates the disorder. This is good not only for researchers but also for clinicians, because the pathways have been quite well explained," says Sarath Gopalan, senior consultant paediatric gastroenterologist and hepatologist, Madhukar Rainbow Children's Hospital, Delhi. In the future, he feels, with more research, drugs that block inflammatory cascades can be developed.

Stress fracture

The study talks of stress pushing the adrenal gland to make glucocorticoids, a steroidal stress hormone. When stress is short-term, like before an exam, it may result in a loss of appetite and increased frequency of stools. When it's chronic, or experienced long term, over a few weeks to months to years, like in a toxic job or marriage or through childhood with the pressure to perform, it can result in inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract, an example being inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

With chronic stress, the body is constantly producing glucocorticoids. Two mechanisms may kick in, though the study does not describe whether both occur together or if there is a difference in the pace: "One is mediated by monocytes (white blood cells in the immune system that kill invaders) and TNF (tumour necrosis factor, a protein made by white blood cells), both mediators of inflammation through colony stimulating factor-1 (CSF-1, signalling pathways)," explains Gopalan. This results in physical changes to the intestine - damage to the intestinal mucous membrane due to the inflammation.


The pathways to gut inflammation
Gut inflammatory disorders will result in both morphological/histological changes and functional changes, with the former providing visual evidence of structural damage to the intestine, and the latter referring to changes in levels of chemical neurotransmitters and contractions of intestinal muscles.
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Monocytes increased
Transforming growth factor ß2 (TGF-ß2)
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Dysmotility
Gut inflammation clinical disorders
Morphological/histological changes in gut
Functional changes in gut
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"The second is associated with neurotransmitter acetylcholine deficiency and dysmotility (abnormal speed of intestinal movement due to improper functioning of the muscles in the area). This is mediated through another inflammatory mediator: transforming growth factor (TGF) beta 2," says Gopalan. This is the functional change in the gut.

Two disorders

IBD is quite different from irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) that is also precipitated by stress, and seen a great deal in women. Unlike IBD though, IBS does not cause, and neither is it caused by an inflammatory response. "If I do an endoscopy, a person with IBD will have physical changes to the colon; it may present like a wounded intestine - there may be ulcers for instance. There are morphological or structural changes. However, in IBS (characterised by bloating, constipation, diarrhoea) you won't see any of that," says Gopalan, adding that the IBD is caused by multiple factors, one of which is stress. "IBD is immunologically mediated (relating to the immune system) and can be hereditary." Ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease are two examples of IBD and bear the risk of colorectal cancer, while IBS is a part of a larger clutch of disorders of the gut-brain interaction (DGBI).

In a study published in *Neurogastroenterology and Motility* journal around 'Medical students' knowledge and perception of irritable bowel syndrome in comparison to inflammatory bowel disease', it was found that "Biases observed in gastroenterologists toward patients with IBS originate as early as the beginning of medical school, including seeing IBS as a "less real" disease and more difficult to treat."

Dual brains

What the study also does is to draw attention back to the way stress impacts the body, particularly the GI system. "There are two brains: the big brain and the small brain (nerves in the intestine)," says Shobna Bhatia, who heads gastroenterology at NIMS University, Jaipur, and is a member of the Rome V committee, The Rome Foundation, a global institution that provides medical information on the disorders of the gut-brain interaction (DGBI). The gut-brain axis is controlled by the parasympathetic nervous system (the vagus nerve that regulates internal organ functions like digestion), and the sympathetic nervous system located across the body. Both are connected with the enteric nervous system located in the gastrointestinal system (the small brain). The two brains 'talk' to each other (exchange information), hence stress occurring in the big brain can cause changes in the small brain (butterflies in the stomach before an exam).

"Physiologically, stress affects the hypothalamus-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis, activates the sympathetic nervous system, releases inflammatory cytokines and cortisol. There are individual differences in the way it is perceived based on one's genetic vulnerability, experience, and development," says Alok Kulkarni, senior consultant psychiatrist at Manas Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Hubli. "Chronic low-grade stress keeps the HPA axis activated." This has an impact on both IBS and IBD.

Good and bad news

Problems with the GI tract are usually easier to detect in children, because there's parental supervision, says Gopalan. "If the parents don't pick it up, the teacher might. With adults, it's harder, because there's no one monitoring them."

Kulkarni says there are specific GI-directed behavioural therapies that use cognitive behavioural approaches to improve symptom-specific anxiety. "We cannot eliminate stress; we can only evolve mechanisms of coping better with stress," he says, adding that aerobic exercise and yoga play a big role in dissipating stress. "Aerobic exercises release endorphins which not only boost mood, but also helps in coping better with pain. A regular yoga practice boosts brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) levels, important in learning and memory. Yoga also induces a relaxation response."

THEGIST

- A new study published in *Cell* journal shows how psychological stress leads to intestinal inflammation.
- It describes the two pathways for the inflammatory response and the whole cascade which ultimately precipitates the disorder.
- Chronic stress results in both physical changes to the intestine and a chemical imbalance resulting in functional changes to the intestine.
- Psychiatrists prescribe GI-directed behavioural therapies that use cognitive behavioural approaches to improve symptom-specific anxiety, such as aerobic exercise and yoga.

BIG SHOT

An aerial view of students in a human chain shaped like a bicycle, at Sri Swaminarayan Gurukul. The event was held just before World Bicycle Day to motivate people to cycle for the environment and for health. ANI

HYPE OR HAPPENING?

The Murph challenge

HYPE

On Memorial Day, May 29, 2020, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg posted two photographs on his Instagram account that garnered over 4 lakh likes. The first was a selfie of the Facebook co-founder wearing a sweaty grey T-shirt and weighted vest, looking considerably depleted; the second was of his two daughters doing push-ups on a wooden floor. "I try to do the Murph challenge with the girls every Memorial Day as a tradition to honour those who defended us," he explains in the caption, referring to the CrossFit workout, believed to be the favourite of Michael Murphy, an American army officer who died in Afghanistan in 2005.

The workout, which consists of running a mile, followed by 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 squats, and then running another mile, all while wearing a 20-pound (9 kg) weighted pack, was first introduced into CrossFit gyms in 2007, by Josh Appel, an Air Force pararescue jumper who led the team that recovered Murphy's remains. Soon, the tradition moved beyond CrossFit, a workout based on high-intensity functional training.

"Anyone can do a Murph," believes Dr Appel, who co-opted both his 90-year-old father, as well as his 9-year-old daughters. All one needs to do is scale and modify the challenge, to make it more inclusive, he implies in the interview with The Jedburgh Podcast, in May.

Does that mean everyone can take the challenge? Not really, believes sports medicine physician Kannan Pugazhendi, the co-founder of the Sports Performance Assessment Rehabilitation Research Counseling Institute, which has branches across the country.

While he likes the idea of celebrating a hero by replicating the physical and mental trauma he went through in some small measure — the point of the Murph is to push you to your limits and make you feel uncomfortable — he believes the challenge is not for everyone.

For starters, it could be a punishment for children, he points out, adding that it is best suited for competitive athletes above 15 years of age. "You need to already have a baseline level of fitness," he says, adding that getting to this takes time and focused training. "I don't think it is worth it otherwise," he says. Internet challenges should only be carried out by people who train regularly, know the right form for particular exercises, and have the physical capacity (both strength and endurance) to perform them. "People who are not fit will get injured," he says, questioning the idea of fad challenges that hit social media.

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Two held on charge of raping paramedic student

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The police on Thursday arrested a 25-year-old delivery executive of an IT firm and his friend, working in a bank, on the charge of raping a 19-year-old paramedic student. The survivor, who is studying in Tumakuru, had come to meet her friend Purushotham on Wednesday.

According to the police, Purushotham took the girl to his friend Kiran's house in Girinagar where they had a party. After sometime, she raised an alarm and the neighbours rushed there. They thrashed the accused and handed them over to the police. Purushotham and Kiran were booked and remanded in judicial custody. The survivor told the police that she had known Purushotham for some time, and she had come to take back her mobile phone from him.

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Two killed in separate road accidents

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A private firm employee was killed and his wife sustained injuries when they slipped from a moving private bus at Kamakshipalya bus stop on Magadi main road on Thursday.

Umesh L.G., 46, and his wife, Shivamma, 38, were heading to Majestic at Kamakshipalya bus stop and tried to board the bus. However, the bus started to move while they were about to get in. The couple lost balance and came under the wheels. They were rushed to a nearby hospital, where Umesh succumbed to his injuries on Thursday.

The police have booked driver Gangaraju for death due to negligence.

In another incident, a 33-year-old employee of a brewery company was killed when a goods vehicle knocked down his motorcycle at Doddabele junction in Kengeri on Wednesday.

Janardhana was returning home from work when the incident occurred. He succumbed to his injuries at a private hospital.

The Kengeri traffic police have registered a case of death due to negligence against the goods vehicle driver.

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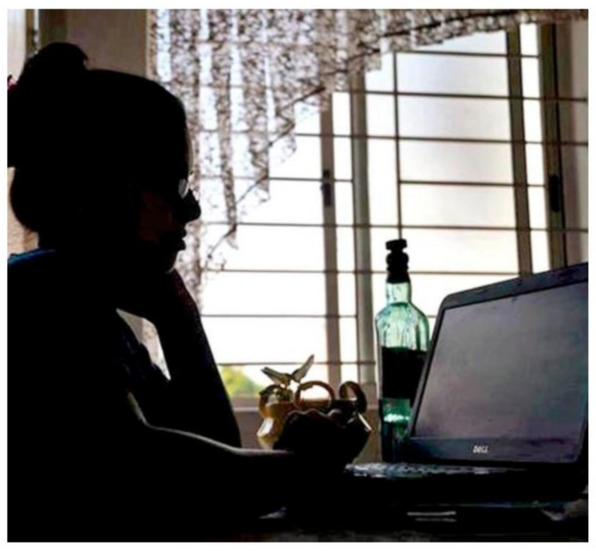
UGC for centres in varsities to deal with stress-related problems

Some higher educational institutions have counselling facility, while BU plans to ensure that Students Services Centres are set up in all colleges



The UGC has constituted an expert committee to examine all issues related to students' mental health, physical, and emotional well-being on the campus of higher educational institutions. FILE PHOTOS

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The years of COVID-19 had a debilitating effect on not just physical health but also the mental health of people, especially youngsters and students. Robbed off their regular classroom activity and bonding with their peer, the isolation that students felt had a big impact on their state of mind.

It is in this context that University Grants Commission (UGC) has ordered the setting up of Students Services Centres (SSC) in all higher educational institutions (HEIs) to manage problems related to stress and emotional adjustment. It is aimed at ensuring equitable access to quality mental health services for all students.

The SSCs are expected to have standardized, systematic arrangements within the relevant provision to provide requisite support to students, especially from rural backgrounds, female students, students from diverse cultural backgrounds, and students with special needs.

SSCs in line with NEP

The UGC had constituted an expert committee to comprehensively examine all issues relating to students' mental health and physical, psychological and emotional well-being on the campus of HEIs. The UGC is planning to implement the committee's recommendations, including setting up of SSCs.

According to the UGC, the SSCs must have necessary resources like competent physical and mental health counsellors, physical and mental health experts, and physical and physio-psychological assessment tools to inform students, assess them, guide them, and provide necessary counselling interventions to 'make them feel enabled, energized and independent functionaries capable of pursuing their career goals'.

The SSC will be managed by a director or dean-level position equivalent to a professor's rank in a discipline like psychology, physical education and sports, psychiatry, social work, or sociology. This centre will conduct counselling, guidance, and physical and mental health services online, in person, through a telephone helpline, or in group counselling sessions, depending upon the circumstances.

The SSC will work as a single-window system to address relevant student issues. It will also maintain separate records of students appearing to be more vulnerable and stress-prone for further support and resilience-building exercises. The aim is to reduce dropout rates.

Psychologists believe that this indeed is the need of the hour, especially in the post-COVID situation. Said consultant psychiatrist Dr. Priti Shanbhag, "There were online classes during COVID, but there was no effective learning. Many students were engaged in chatting with their friends, browsing etc., while classes were on. A lot of children had deficits in attention and learning. They were regressing in their educational level and social skills," she explained, adding that a lot of frustration was building up because of too much addiction to social media and lack of exposure to social situations.

"Apart from this, we have also seen a lot of children getting addicted to online gaming and online gambling, getting into relationships through online portals which are not safe," she added.

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>
> **DR. PRITI SHANBHAG**
> consultant psychiatrist

Trained professionals

As per the UGC directive, SSC will have some dedicated, professionally trained counsellors working. The counsellors can also be taken from the respective institutions' psychology and physical education departments in a project-driven mode. It is assumed that students' mental health and well-being-related issues will need greater attention during the transitional phases of their life, such as examinations and different stages of their careers, as per UGC's guidelines. These centres are to work in close collaboration with psychiatrists and other mental health professionals of the medical institutions located in the vicinity. The HEIs should plan for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with premier institutions, like NIMHANS and other institutions, where departments of psychiatry are fully functional in case particular pharmacological intervention or other medical interventions are required.

The coordination of SSCs with various centres like SC/ST cells, Gender Equity Centres, and Student Welfare Committees should be ensured. The HEIs must respect linguistic, religious, cultural and social diversity and ensure that counsellors with efficient linguistic skills can impart services to students and teachers. Special care may be taken for LGBTQ+ students.

Physical activity

The UGC has stressed that HEIs should focus on the physical fitness and physical activities of students. However, physical activity is not mandatory in many institutions despite higher education institutions having sufficient human resources and infrastructure for physical and sports activity.

The UGC has expressed regret about this and stated: "It is a great irony that sports fees are charged to each student admitted to the institution. Still participation in sports activity or utilization of sports facilities is done by only 1 or 2% of the total strength of the students in HEIs. Physically inactive campus life for the students leads them towards various psycho-somatic disorders."

Therefore, UGC suggests that all HEIs create the necessary outdoor and indoor sports facilities and infrastructure on the campus. There should be a state-of-the-art gymnasium and yoga centre. They should regularly organize self-defence training programmes, especially for girl students.

Some higher education institutions already have such centres, many run by their own Psychology department, while are in the process of putting them in place.

Dr. Jayakara S.M., Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University said, "We have a counselling centre on our Jnanabharathi campus and it is successfully running being run by the Psychology Department. Students are using this facility and getting counselling. I will issue orders to all the higher educational institutions which come under our University to set up a counselling centres and appoint counsellors."

The app offers all 243 experiments prescribed by CBSE.

Bengaluru start-up launches AI-powered lab experiments app

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Aditi Avasthi, founder and CEO, EMBIBE

Bengaluru-based start-up EMBIBE, an AI-powered education platform, has launched an app that will help students do science experiments virtually. Called the 'EMBIBE Lab experiments,' the app offers an interactive platform where students can engage with a virtual science lab and conduct more than 350 experiments in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.

The platform is NEP-aligned and the list of experiments includes all 243 prescribed by CBSE. The app is available free of charge to students across India.

Overcoming limitations

"EMBIBE Lab Experiments has the potential to overcome all limitations of physical laboratories such as cost, accessibility, and availability of equipment," said Aditi Avasthi, founder and CEO, EMBIBE.

"It can truly democratise science education by reaching students across different regions and socio-economic backgrounds.

"By seamlessly integrating technology with education, we envision a future where students can explore and conduct virtual experiments from the comfort of their homes or classrooms," she added.

According to a 2014 survey carried out under Unified District Information System on Education (UDISE), more than 75% of Indian schools lacked well-equipped science labs.

The start-up believes its latest app would help bridge this gap.

EMBIBE Lab Experiments app links every experiment to real-life scenarios through 3D animated videos. The app also offers a DIY experiment feature which allows students to select materials and perform experiments in a 3D virtual lab and a gamified, data-generating laboratory simulation.

On top of it, the app claims to break down 113 complex experiments into two parts facilitating easier understanding.

The platform is tailored to CBSE, NCERT, and State board curriculums.

It has found takers among schools like Krishna Public School International (Atal Nagar-Nava Raipur), Holy Angel CBSE School (Rettenai, Tamil Nadu), and Solace International High School (Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir), among others.

In regional languages

The app will also be made available in Hindi and 10 regional languages. It can be downloaded from Play Store and App Store. Founded in 2012, the edtech start-up EMBIBE is backed by Reliance Industries, which has invested ₹1,175 crore in it, so far.

The Bengaluru Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara.

Prison inmates in Bengaluru to make eco-friendly plates

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The High Court of Karnataka Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale led members of the legal fraternity of Bengaluru city in celebrating World Environment Day at Bengaluru Central prison by launching a unit to manufacture eco-friendly plates and cups from arecanut leaves. The unit, which has three new machines for production of plates and cups, will be operated by prisoners.

'No' to plastic

"Setting up a unit to manufacture eco-friendly plates and cups is a good sign of promoting eco-friendly practices and saying no to plastic," said Chef Justice Varale after inaugurating the unit.

The Chief Justice appreciated the handloom unit in the prison. He appealed to Vivek Subba Reddy, president of Advocates' Association, Bengaluru, to join hands with the jail authorities to distribute uniforms manufactured in the prison to government schools.

Coconut sapling

The Chief Justice planted a coconut sapling in the prison premises. He tasted some of the bakery products prepared by prisoners in the bakery unit of the prison. He called upon the prisoners to make the best use of the skills learnt in the prison by converting them into life skills.

'Srishti's new campus and collaboration promise merger of ideas and talents'

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

"We are still evolving," says Dr. Arindam Das, Director of Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology, which recently relocated to a new campus in Govindapura as part of the merger of Srishti Institute of Art Design & Technology with Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) in 2020.

While he agrees that the transition has had its challenges – since it is a new space, it will take time to "find yourself and get used to it" – he is excited about the way forward. "We have a number of exciting projects coming up," he says.

Verdant campus

Construction is still under way at the new campus, which occupies around 3,50,000 sq. ft. (built-up area) of the 86-acre MAHE campus and is spread across seven buildings. Students will have access to shared facilities on the MAHE campus, including hostels, food courts and the sports complex, adds Dr. Das.

But even more exciting than the idea of shared physical infrastructure is the merging of ideas, talent and minds. "We have some wonderful synergies coming up," believes Dr. Das, pointing out to the eight constituent colleges in the campus.

Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology campus.

While traditionally, Srishti has a unique pedagogy, where learning is spread across three consecutive cycles – the first based on theory, the second more practical, and the third is application-oriented, this new collaboration will further expand the overall holistic learning of its 1,300 students, believes Dr. Das.

"Working closely, the constituent colleges will be offering electives to each other," he says, adding that, under this system, a business student can take a design thinking or coding class and vice versa.

Dr. Arindam Das

The institute seeks to focus more on research, encouraging its faculty to go for both practice-based and visual research that is "important in an art and design school", says Dr. Das, adding that the institute has started working on setting up centres of excellence. Technology, he says, will be a key focus in the road ahead, especially considering the long-term impact of trending buzzwords like AI and ChatGPT. "We have realised that technology itself is not a threat, but people who may be using this technology may be," he says, adding that technology and design have always complemented each other. "We are a leading design institute, and must be geared up for this."

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Remarks on Panel: Privilege Issue against K.H. Patil

BANGALORE, June 8: The Mysore Legislative Council to-day could not transact the scheduled business in view of the persistent demand by the Opposition that the House be adjourned till the Chairman gave his ruling on the notice of privilege raised by it against the Agriculture Minister, Mr. K.H. Patil, for "defaming" and questioning the bona fides of the Public Undertakings Committee."

The Committee had passed adverse remarks on the Minister's role in getting the Agro-Industries Corporation to invest ₹15 lakhs in the Gadag Cooperative Textile Mills.

The Opposition took objection to the Minister characterizing the report of the Committee as a "scrap of paper".

Urs Welcomes Barter Deal

BANGALORE, June 8: The Tamil Nadu Transport Minister, Mr. Ramachandran, had discussions here to-day with the Mysore Chief Minister Mr. Devaraj Urs.

According to Government circles, the Chief Minister welcomed the proposed barter deal of power supply from Mysore in exchange for chassis manufactured by Ashok Leyland.

It would be helpful to the State Road Transport Corporation to meet its requirement of chassis (estimated at 2,000) and spare parts. However, Mr. Urs said a final decision would be taken after examining the latest power position.

Sweltering heat drove up power demand to 7,800 MW in April

Peak demand in Bescom's overall jurisdiction as well as Bengaluru Metropolitan Area Zone has been rising year on year

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BENGALURU

Amidst concerns that the demand will shoot up further once Gruha Jyothi scheme kicks in, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) has expressed confidence in handling the demand efficiently. This year, the power utility efficiently managed a peak demand of 7,800 Mega Watts (MW) on April 23 without glitches, it said.

The peak demand in Bescom's overall jurisdiction as well as Bengaluru Metropolitan Area Zone (BMAZ) has been consistently rising year on year. In the BMAZ region, the peak demand this year was around 3,570 MW, which was recorded on April 21. In the previous year, the overall peak demand was 7,740 MW and 3,505 MW in the BMAZ region.

Bescom has expressed confidence in handling the demand efficiently. FILE PHOTO

Officials cited soaring temperatures this year as the reason for a slight growth in demand compared to the previous year. "Although pre-monsoon showers started by May, March and April were very hot. The use of fans and ACs in many households as well as commercial establishments, along with industrial usage, drove the demand over 7,000 MW. Once it started raining, the demand came down gradually," said a senior official in Bescom.

As citizens frequently complain that the power infrastructure is not strong enough to handle the growing demand, the official maintained that this was not the case. "Every year, the peak demand is rising yet we have had no trouble meeting the demand. The infrastructure supports the growing demand," the official said. On June 6, the peak demand was 6,937 MW, he said. He added that even the usage of IP sets reduces when rain starts, thereby bringing down the demand.

Recently, Energy Minister K.J. George revealed that the total domestic power consumption in the State was around 14,852 MU. The power sales of Bescom to domestic consumers is around 7,615 MU. When asked if consumption of power would increase with the 200 units free power scheme, Bescom officials said they were not expecting any increase in consumption.

"We are not giving them extra units for free. Whatever they have been consuming in the last year, the same amount will be provided for free, for citizen welfare. With the clause which says that the consumers will have to pay the net difference if they go above their average eligibility, it is highly unlikely that there will be misuse of electricity. Thus, the demand will not go up," the official said.

Annual peak demand

Year	Overall peak demand in Bescom region (in MW)	Overall peak demand in BMAZ (in MW)
2019-20	6,156 (April 26)	3,081 (April 11)
2020-21	6,272 (March 26)	2,832 (March 31)
2021-22	6,913 (March 30)	2,980 (March 30)
2022-23	7,740 (March 29)	3,505 (November 8)
2023-24	7,800 (April 23)	3,570 (April 21)

HC allows felling of 203 trees for metro work between Kempapura Cross and Doorvaninagar

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday allowed the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) to remove 203 trees for construction of elevated viaduct and stations from Doorvaninagar to Kempapura Cross stretch for the metro project.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice M.G.S. Kamal passed the interim order while hearing a PIL petition filed by Bangalore Environmental Trust, which had complained that the provisions of the Karnataka Preservation Trees Act, 1976, were not implemented effectively in public projects.

The Bench granted permission based on the recommendations made by the Tree Expert Committee (TEC), appointed on the directions of the court, based on the application filed by the BMRCL seeking permission to cut trees on this stretch.

'Retain 14 trees, translocate 45'

The TEC had recommended retaining of 14 trees and translocation of 45 others on this stretch and the Bench allowed the BMRCL to act on these recommendations, which was notified in the form of an official memorandum by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, on January 18, 2023. The Bench also made it clear that BMRCL has to comply with all the conditions imposed by TEC.

On the objections raised on behalf of the petitioner on allowing felling of trees, the Bench noted that the petitioner had not submitted any objection or suggestion to the public notice issued by the authority on BMRCL's application for removal of trees on this stretch.

The Bench also noted that the BMRCL had stated that it is open to take up compensatory plantation work in areas near the project if the petitioner suggests land available, free from any hurdle, near the project site. The BMRCL, in response to the complaint of the petitioner that compensatory plantations are being done far away from project sites, had said that it was compelled to do so due to non-availability of land.

'Children's safety should be given top priority in schools'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights held a meeting with private school managements on Thursday

Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights chairman K. Naganna Gowda directed private schools to give children's safety top priority.

Schools should act in a student-friendly as well as parent-friendly manner, Mr. Gowda said.

The meeting was held by the commission with private school managements on Thursday. "There are more complaints about fees and safety in private schools. Therefore, the management should try to resolve these problems at the school level," Mr. Gowda said.

'Train staff'

"The managements should train teaching staff and non-teaching staff like school van drivers, helpers, and others about children's safety and protection, and hold a review every week," he insisted.

In response to this, the school managements promised to take necessary measures for safety and protection of children in the school. However, they also suggested that the commission should be active in instructing the Police and Transport Departments to formulate and implement some guidelines for further safety.

Topics discussed

Parents giving bikes to minor students, misuse of mobile phones, participation of minor girls on social networking sites, sale of cigarettes and tobacco products around the school, online games, and unauthorised tuition centres were also discussed.

D. Shashikumar, general secretary of KAMS, B. Gayatri Devi, secretary of ICSE school organisation, others were present at the meeting.

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PESSAT entrance test results announced

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PES University announced the list of rank-holders of PESSAT 2023 entrance test for admission to B.Tech programmes of the university between May 17 and June 6 and felicitated the top rank-holders with appreciation certificates on Thursday.

The first three rank-holders are: Sneha Pandit, The Brigade School, J.P. Nagar; Sujit Adiga, R.V. PU College, Jayanagar, both from Bengaluru,; and Jayanth Reddy Bonugu, Sri Chaithnya Junior College, Madanapalli, A.P. First round of PESSAT counselling and seat selection will be held on June 17 and 18 on the varsity premises.

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NUGGETS OF HISTORY

Khedda operations

Capturing wild elephants has a long history dating back several centuries. An early description of a khedda was written by the Greek explorer and ambassador to India, Megasthenes. During the British rule, khedda operations were conducted in Mysore state to capture them. There are records of khedda operations conducted in 1874 and 1875 in Kabini. Trained elephants and people well aware of elephant behaviour were involved in such operations.

Nine camps in State

The Karnataka government now runs elephant camps at nine locations, but they have a history dating back to British times. RFO of Sakrebailu says the camp has been operating since the British rule, but no records show the exact year it was started. Earlier, it was in a small place in Sakrebailu village and was later shifted to the present location on Shivamogga-Tirthahalli road. The captured elephants are trained in these camps, which have become big tourist attractions as well.

Dasara elephants

The most spectacular display of captured elephants in Karnataka is during the Dasara festivities in Mysuru. A tradition drawn from the Vijayanagara times, it was continued by the Wadiyars of Mysore.

A Dasara elephant is chosen with great care since it involves carrying a howdah.

There are historical records of the royalty sending out officials to look for temperamentally suited elephants all the way to Burma.

Tranquilliser darts

Elephants have been captured in conflict areas with the help of trained elephants. The Forest Department has captured 75 wild elephants in Hassan district using this method since 1987. A team of ground staff identifies the animal to be captured and traces its location. The capturing team, along with trained elephants, reaches the spot.

A veterinarian fires a tranquillizer dart to sedate the animal. Later, it is tied and taken to a distant place.

Deaths in conflict

With shrinking habitat, there is an increase in man-elephant encounters in parts of Hassan, Chikkamagaluru and Shivamogga, which the Forest Department is finding tough to handle. In Hassan district alone, 93 people have been killed in elephant attacks since 1986. Around 35 elephants have died since 2003 in the district due to various reasons. In some instances, the elephants were hit by trains, a few were electrocuted, and a couple of them were killed by gunshots.

No degree can help you land this skilled job of elephant caretaker

Though the jobs are open to all, only those from families with a history of handling elephants can get through. The skill is mostly passed on from one generation to the next

Elephants being given a bath by mahouts at the Sakrebail elephant camp. Each animal is normally handled by two persons. The caretakers work under subedars, who report to senior officers in the Forest Department. K. MURALI KUMAR

Sathish G.T.
SAKREBAIL (SHIVAMOGGA)

A young man, who had applied for the job of *aane kavadiga* (caretaker of an elephant), was struggling to make the pachyderm obey his command. When all else failed, he prostrated before the animal, begging for cooperation so that he could get the government job. The elephant, not surprisingly, remained unimpressed.

This was a scene in May at Sakrebail camp near Shivamogga during the recruitment for *aane kavadigas*. The Shivamogga wildlife division had invited applications to fill four vacancies in the camp. The selection process is tough, as the applicants have to convince the recruiting panel that they can handle *kumki* (tamed, trained) pachyderms effectively.

Degrees don't matter to elephants

The number of degrees obtained does not help one land this job. In fact, the recruiting agency does not consider educational qualifications. The applicants are asked to handle a tamed elephant in the camp in the presence of experienced mahouts and senior officers. The candidate has to get onto the elephant and ensure the animal listens to his commands and responds. Mostly, only those with prior experience in handling elephants land this job.

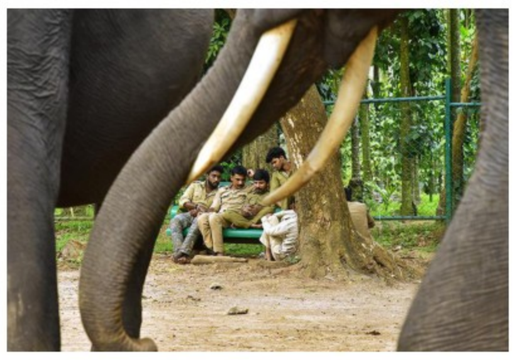
Many of those who appeared for the interview were from the Kalyana Karnataka region, and some of them were unaware of the challenges of the job.

An applicant said he studied B.A. and B.Ed. in Ballari. He had applied for the job as he was looking for a 'secure government job'. "When I came here and entered the camp, I realised this was not my kind of job at all. It is meant for only those who have experience in handling elephants. My certificates or educational qualification have no relevance here."

In contrast, another applicant, who worked in an elephant camp on a contract basis earlier, was confident of getting the job. "The animal responded to my commands. Without proper schooling, I cannot hope to get any other job," he said.

Dr. K.T. Hanumanthappa, Chief Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga circle, said, "Only those who worked in elephant camps on a contract basis, or those who handled elephants in religious institutions, can do the tasks we assign them. This time, many of the applicants had no basic knowledge of the job. They were carrying only educational certificates."

Those selected get a basic salary of ₹18,600 at the beginning. The recruitment process was held simultaneously in Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu and Dandeli as well.



No woman has taken up the job

For the four vacancies in the Sakrebail camp, the department received 311 applications. Many unemployed youths had applied, hoping to get a government job. Eventually, only 14 appeared for the selection process. There were only two applicants for the one post reserved for women, of which only one application was accepted. However, she did not show up for the interview.

"So far, no woman has taken up this job. The job involves getting onto elephants, tracking them in thick forests, and bringing them back to the camp, among other challenging tasks," said Khudrath Pasha, a senior mahout with 40 years of experience handling elephants.

Skill is passed on from fathers to sons

Though the jobs are open to all, only those from families with a history of handling elephants can get through the process. A majority of those in this tough job are Jenu Kurubas, and a few are Muslims.

Pasha picked up the skill from his father, who, in turn, was trained by his father. Both had worked in the same camp earlier. Now, Pasha's two sons are doing the same job at two different camps.

According to researchers, the practice of capturing wild elephants and training them has a long history. Many centuries ago, elephants were made to carry water to temples. They were also trained to play a role in the battlefield.

Jenu Kurubas, who got their name due to their honey-collecting skills, have been involved in capturing and taming wild elephants. They pass on the skill to the next generation. Without them, the Forest Department cannot handle tamed elephants. Among other things, it would be difficult to organise the procession of elephants, including one carrying the golden howdah, during the Dasara celebrations in Mysuru without Jenu Kurubas.

Wild elephants are put in a kraal (an enclosure) for a couple of months to be tamed. The animal is kept in a closed enclave. Gradually, the mahouts take the animal under control by following a system that involves both punishment and rewards. It is basically meant to make the animal respond to their commands and obey orders. Some animals are taken out of the kraal within a month, while others require a longer duration.

The caretakers celebrate the occasion when the animal is out of the kraal. They also offer special pooja to Mastigudi in Kabini to seek her blessings, irrespective of the religion of the mahout.

In Sakrebail camp, each animal is normally handled by two persons. The caretakers work under subedars, who report to senior officers in the Forest Department. They train elephants to handle special tasks. Well-trained elephants are deployed in special operations to capture wild elephants involved in man-animal conflict. They help the Forest Department staff trace the wild elephants, fire the tranquillizer dart, capture them, and load them onto trucks.

Youngsters not keen

The Forest Department does not face a shortage of applicants for the job. "We have sufficient number of qualified applicants. Many people in the service train their family members for the job," said Dr. Hanumanthappa.

However, the caretakers say that the younger generation is not showing much interest in taking up the job. Many of them want their children to study well and get 'better jobs'.

Senior living communities: Enrich the golden years of life

As per reports, millions of elderly Indians live alone and are in dire need of proper homecare. Until a few years back, people after retirement or upon reaching old age, would find comfort, fulfillment of the basic needs and emotional support from their own family and the younger generation and/ or their children would usually take care of their needs and fill the golden days of their life with all the happiness in the world.

But with times changing and in this age of cut-throat competition, most of the young people are left with no choice but to move out on their own and live in a different city in search of a livelihood, and with the emergence of nuclear families, the old folks are mostly left all alone. Gone are those days when a big, fat Indian family would live under the same roof and share every happiness, sorrow and nostalgia of their life. While they ask, "where is the time now?", attributing their exhaustion, negligence and lack of opportunity to spend quality time with family to the intense busyness of their work life, a new concept has emerged to keep the smiles wide and bright on the faces of those who have made our life happy with all they have all these years.

Boom in senior citizen living has come across as a blessing for many such old, abandoned elderly persons who have once again found the beauty of living with dignity.

Above all, they love their independence. Restoring their faith in life and boosting their confidence level which they may have lost while living an isolated life for years, these projects aim at providing the elderly with all the basic life needs including medical, psychological and spiritual support and also care for the specially-abled persons.

Most of these housing units for the elderly are built with facilities including holistic medical care, elderly-friendly features and assistive technology that would enhance their quality of life. Apart from basic lodging, gardens, indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, prayer room, community dining hall, TV room, library yoga and fitness facilities, safety and security services, basic medical and emergency facilities, care-giving facilities etc give the elderly an overall rewarding lifestyle.

Most of these secure housing projects for senior citizens have close proximity to nearby markets and are well-connected to the city so that the elderly lead a fulfilling life and feel their sense of purpose in life while they enjoy a harmonious relationship with the other residents in the community and also have access to friends and relatives outside. The secured, serene and healthy environment of these senior living communities has become the dream houses of many such elderly citizens of our country who had long been searching for a safe and homelike place.

While clean air and pollution free water enhances the quality of life and they nurture their hobbies and relish their every moment of independence, the free-flowing conversations and the perfect companionship of the fellow residents have filled hearts with joys and made faces shine brighter with the widest of grins.

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Sumathy Anantharam
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Worth of the 2,000 rupee notes that returned to banks

1.8 in Rs. lakh crore. About 50% of 2,000 rupee notes have returned to the banking system since the announcement of its withdrawal, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das informed the media. PTI

Property prices shoot up in most cities in Q4 of Financial Year 2023

43 cities. Out of 50 cities, Ahmedabad recorded the highest rise in housing prices at 10.8%, according to the Housing Price Index data released by the National Housing Bank. PTI

Centre approves package for displaced people in Manipur

102 In Rs. crore. The relief package approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs days after Home Minister Amit Shah visited Manipur following the violence that rocked the State. PTI

Amount saved by the steel industry in foreign exchange

34,800 in Rs. crore. Govt. policies for the steel sector helped save crores by reducing imports and added 60 million tonnes of crude steel capacity. PTI

Trapped children rescued from orphanage in Sudan

300 The number of children rescued from an orphanage in Sudan's Khartoum, located at the conflict between the military and the RSF. AP

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Cyclone's effect on monsoon onset

Global warming's effects on cyclogenesis over the Pacific and North Indian Oceans, the warming over the North Indian Ocean and the late pre-monsoon cyclones and typhoons are another monkey wrench in the monsoons' dynamics – and in the predictions of the monsoon's onset and its evolution through the season

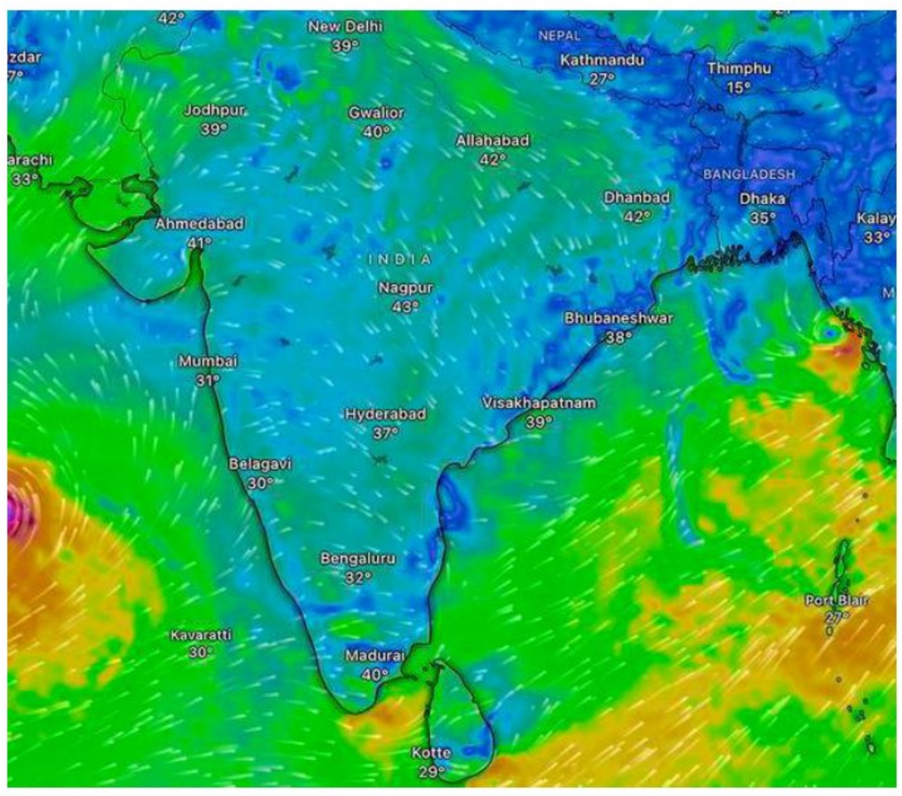
EXPLAINER

Raghu Murtugudde

The impact of global warming on the monsoons are manifest in its onset, withdrawal, seasonal total rainfall, and extremes. Global warming also affects the cyclones over the Indian Ocean and the typhoons over the northwestern Pacific Ocean.

We are seeing cyclone formations in the pre-monsoon cyclone season, closer to the monsoon onset, arguably due to the influence of a warmer Arctic Ocean on the winds over the Arabian Sea. The monsoon is of course also affected by the three tropical oceans – Indian, Atlantic, and Pacific; the 'atmospheric bridge' from the Arctic; and the oceanic tunnel as well as the atmospheric bridge from the Southern Ocean (a.k.a. the Antarctic Ocean).

A 'bridge' refers to two faraway regions interacting in the atmosphere while a 'tunnel' refers to two remote oceanic regions connecting within the ocean.



The winds over the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal at 3.15 p.m. on Thursday. Previously reliable, the monsoon trough is now being kicked around in a game of climate-change football. WINDY.COM

Why does a cyclone's position matter?

Some cyclones in the North Indian Ocean have had both positive and negative impacts on the onset of the monsoon. Since the circulation of winds around the cyclones is in the anticlockwise direction, the location of the cyclone is critical as far as the cyclone's impact on the transition of the monsoon trough is concerned. (The monsoon trough is a low-pressure region that is a characteristic feature of the monsoons.) For example, if a cyclone lies further north in the Bay of Bengal, the back-winds blowing from the southwest to the northeast can pull the monsoon trough forward, and assist in the monsoon's onset.

Earlier this year, the Bay of Bengal had Cyclone Mocha develop in the first half of May and intensify briefly into a 'super cyclonic storm', before weakening rapidly upon landfall. Mocha's northwest to east trajectory over the Bay was the result of unusual anticyclones (which rotate clockwise) that have been parked over the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal since March. Mocha dissipated on May 15 and the back-winds helped the monsoon set in on time over the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

One severe consequence of the anomalous anticyclones since March is that both the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal have warmed by more than 1° C in the pre-monsoon season. The late-season cyclone Biparjoy is still chugging along in the warm Arabian Sea and may well rapidly intensify – i.e., have its wind speeds increase by 55 kmph within 24 hours – before making landfall.

Mawar, Biparjoy, and Guchol

Cyclone Biparjoy is not interacting much with the monsoon trough at this time. However, its late birth as well as the late onset of the monsoon are both closely related to typhoons in the northwestern Pacific Ocean. On May 19, Typhoon Mawar was born and dissipated by June 3. Mawar qualified as a 'super typhoon' and is thus far the strongest typhoon to have taken shape in May. It is also the strongest cyclone of 2023 so far. Tropical storm Guchol is now active just to the east of the Philippines and is likely to continue northwest before veering off to the northeast. These powerful typhoons are thirsty beasts and demand moisture from far and wide.

Mawar pulled winds across the equator into the North Indian Ocean, setting up southwesterly winds over parts of the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal. 'Southwesterly' means blowing from the southwest.

Southwesterly winds over the Arabian Sea are welcome news: they bring large quantities of moisture onto the Indian subcontinent. On the other hand, southwesterly winds over the Bay of Bengal are bad news for the monsoon. The monsoon winds over the southern Bay of Bengal sweep in from the southwest and west, but they turn around and head northwest towards India from the southeast.

Winds were southwesterly over the entire Bay when Mawar was active. This continues to be the case now due to Guchol, which has become a 'severe tropical storm' now. Winds have been blowing strongly towards the northeastward over the Bay, a key reason why the monsoon trough has been struggling to reach Kerala.

Little car on a highway

The strong southwesterly winds over the Bay of Bengal can be imagined to be a very large highway with heavy traffic heading from the southwest, over southern peninsular India and Sri Lanka, towards the South China Sea and the northwestern Pacific Ocean, feeding the monstrous typhoons there. The monsoon trough in the meantime is like a little car trying to cross this busy and wide highway from the Andaman Nicobar Islands to India across the Bay of Bengal.

This complicated dance of global warming affecting cyclogenesis over the Pacific and North Indian Oceans, the warming over the North Indian Ocean and the late pre-monsoon cyclones and typhoons together is just another monkey wrench in the monsoons' dynamics – and in the predictions of the monsoon's onset and its evolution through the season. Once seen as a very reliable system, with its annual migration northwestward and the withdrawal southeastward, the monsoon trough is now being kicked around in the game of climate-change football.

Fortunately, a late monsoon onset does not necessarily indicate a monsoon deficit. Then again, this year is unique, with an impending El Niño. So the nation waits and watches for the arrival of the monsoon – as always hoping for the best and preparing for the worst.

Raghu Murtugudde is a visiting professor at IIT Bombay and an emeritus professor at the University of Maryland.

THE GIST

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What was the requirement for limits on UPI transactions?

As transactions breach record highs, banks have opted to impose daily limits. The idea is to sustain the smoother functioning of the payments interface as it continues to acquire wider popularity in our daily lives

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

As transactions facilitated by the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) breach record highs, banks have opted for daily limits. These are over and above the already imposed ceilings mandated by the facilitator, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), in 2021. The idea is to sustain the smoother functioning of the payments interface as it continues to acquire popularity.

What is the conversation about daily limits?

At present, users can make up to 20 transactions or ₹1 lakh in a single day – either all at once or through the day. For certain specific categories of transactions such as the capital markets, collections (such as bills, among others), insurance and forward inward remittances, the limit is ₹2 lakh. In December 2021, the limit for the UPI-based ASBA (Application Supported by Blocked Amount) IPO and retail direct schemes was increased to ₹5 lakh for each transaction.

The conversation now revolves around banks and apps coming up with their own guidelines for transactions. For example, state-run lenders Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Bank of Baroda has set its transaction limit at a much lower ₹25,000. PNB's daily limit is ₹50,000. As for apps, among others, Google Pay users breach the daily limit if they try to send money more than ten times in a single day across all UPI apps.

As the payments interface looks to expand its footprint (recall the boarding of non-resident accounts having international numbers into the ecosystem) and its growing utility in daily lives, limits would help maintain an essential security infrastructure and its seamless functioning. This is also important as the interface looks to expand its use-case, as also called for in the proposed pilot project for coin-vending machines with UPI as the facilitator.

What does the industry think?

Digital payments app PhonePe's spokesperson told *The Hindu*, "The limits are set balancing out customer convenience and potential fraud/risk concerns. The NPCI has also increased the value limit in specific categories where the average transaction value is higher such as Capital Markets or Credit Card Bill payments." As for the moves impacting the future growth, "All the ecosystem participants, the NPCI and the regulator regularly review the transaction and value limits on UPI and implement the requisite changes where the need exists", the official said referring to the higher limits for IPOs, Broking, Mutual Funds, Loan repayment etc.

What are the most recent trends observed with respect to UPI?

In May this year, the total number of transactions facilitated using UPI increased to 9,415.19 million. The combined value of such transactions also increased at a largely similar ₹14.89 lakh crore. The segregation in terms of P2P (peer-to-peer) and P2M (peer-to-merchant) is particularly interesting. In terms of volume, whilst P2P accounted for about 43% at 4,045.48 million, in terms of value its share scaled up to ₹11.45 lakh crore.

In the P2P category, the majority of the transactions were in the below ₹500 bracket (54.2%) whilst in the P2M category, the share in the same amount bracket stood at 84.3%. This gives an indication of its lower-down utility. Important to note that considering the varied nature of merchants and business, the nature of transactions can be categorised in favour of one whilst it should be on the other side.

However, important to note in this context, until February in the financial year 2022-23, the total number of reported UPI frauds had also increased about 13% in comparison to the previous financial year to 95,402. However, this was alongside a decline in the fraud to sales ratio at 0.0015%.

Thus, to combat the growing incidences, there is the imperative need to have safeguard infrastructure in a growing ecosystem.

THE GIST

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UoM professor gets resignation acceptance letter after 29 years

'Owing to technical reasons, the resignation was not accepted'

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

A University of Mysore (UoM) professor was taken by surprise when he received a resignation acceptance letter from Goa University (GU) for the post he had quit in 1994. The GU officially accepted his resignation letter on June 2, 2023, after 29 long years.

Professor Muzaffar H. Assadi, who is currently serving as Dean, Faculty of Arts, moved out of GU in 1994 to start working in UoM. However, after about two-and-a-half years, he sent his resignation letter for the post of lecturer as there was a lean period.

Lean period means an employee has a stipulated time period to officially resign from the post as he could come back to work if he/she changes their mind.

For Mr. Assadi, who had completed Junior Research Fellow (JRF), this was his second job. He started his career as a temporary lecturer in Mangalore University.

Acceptance letter

The resignation acceptance letter accessed by *The Hindu* said: "Pursuant to the resolution of the Executive Council in its meeting held on July 28, 1997, post facto approval is hereby conveyed for the acceptance of resignation of Dr. Muzaffar H. Assadi with affect from July 9, 1994, from the post of lecturer in Political Science in the Department of Political Science at Goa University held by him earlier to enable him to join the post of Reader in the Department of Studies in Political Science in University of Mysore, Mysuru, Karnataka."

Mr. Assadi said as he had submitted the official resignation letter after two-and-a-half years, he had asked GU to accept the letter with effect from 1994. "I was shocked to see the letter, and I still cannot believe this can happen," he said.

'Why now?'

Mr. Assadi said as he is up for retirement, the UoM had written to GU asking service details of him for financial and other reasons. Officials at GU went through his file and found the resignation was not accepted. After this, the varsity drafted the acceptance letter.

V.S. Nadkarni, Registrar, GU, told *The Hindu* that while he drafted the order, he looked into the files as to why there was a delay.

"I was appointed as Registrar about a year back and I had to dwell into files to know the reasons behind the delay. Owing to some technical reasons, the resignation was not accepted," Mr. Nadkarni said.

MSME conclave to be held today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Adarsh Institute of Management and Information Technology (AIMIT), in association with MSME Technology Centre, Bengaluru, will hold an MSME conclave on the theme 'Decoding technology for small businesses' on Friday.

Pravin Hungund, Chief Technology Officer, Metaz Digital, and Cdr S. Vijayasimha, Deputy General manager, MSME Technology Centre, are the speakers at the conclave, which will be held on AIMIT premises in Chamarajpet between 5 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Police conduct surprise checks on houses of rowdies

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a crackdown on anti-social elements, the city police conducted surprise checks on over 1,300 houses belonging to rowdies in the city on Thursday.

The raids began early morning and continued for five hours. The special drive was part of the preventive action and check on rowdies who were recently released on bail. The police had earlier arrested them and sent them to judicial custody ahead of the elections. However, soon after they were released, the raids were carried out to check on their activities, a senior police officer said.

During the raids, the rowdies were interrogated to ascertain their profession, source of income, and their activities. The police also recovered marijuana and lethal weapons. A total of two cases under Arms Act and three cases under NDPS have been booked against the accused, who have been arrested, the police said.

City Police Commissioner B. Dayananda, soon after taking over as police chief recently, had called a meeting and directed the jurisdictional police officials to keep a tab on rowdy activities.

CET 2023: KEA facilitates editing of RD number

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) on Wednesday stated that those candidates whose names are mentioned in the rejected list of RD (Revenue Document) numbers can log in and enter their correct RD number in the KEA portal from June 8 to June 12 by 11 a.m., using their login ID and password.

S. Ramya, Executive Director, KEA, said in a press release that online verification of RD numbers entered by the candidates in the UGCET-2023 online application relating to caste/income/Kalyana Karnataka etc. is under process with the Revenue Department data. The list of candidates whose RD numbers had been rejected has been published on the KEA website for the information of the candidates.

To facilitate candidates who have passed 12th standard from CBSE, CISCE, 10+2, IGCSE, other boards, and candidates who have passed Karnataka 2nd PUC/12th standard before 2023, the KEA portal has been enabled once again till Friday 6 p.m. to enter their class XII examination marks. Valid NATA marks can also be entered.

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No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CW/390/2023-24 Dated: 07.06.2023

SHORT TERM e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Online Tenders are invited in **TWO Bid** System for the supply of following through GOK e-Procurement. Short term tender for Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology and VTSM Peripheral Cancer Centre, Kalburgi.

Sl. No.	Tender No. & Date	Name of the Items
1.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CW/390/ 2023-24 Date: 07-06-2023.	Up-grading the Sewage lines with Higher dia Pipes Connecting from Dharmashala and Main Building up to Road in front of the Building and Laying Paver Stones at Open areas of VTSM Peripheral Cancer Centre, Kalburgi.
2.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CW/391/359 2023-24 Date: 07-06-2023.	Ancillary Minor Works with False Ceiling to Linear Accelerator, Cobalt Bunkers and other repair works at Wards and other Areas at VTSM Peripheral Cancer Centre, Kalburgi.
3.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CW/392/ 2023-24 Date: 07-06-2023.	Providing Liquid Oxygen medical plant, Laying of Oxygen and other pipe lines for Ot's Minor Ot's and Manifold and other relevant areas at VTSM Peripheral Cancer Centre, Kalburgi.
4.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CCTV/393/ 2023-24 Date: 07-06-2023.	Providing CCTV's to the Balance Areas (Un-Covered) and CMC services to VTSM Peripheral Cancer Center, Kalburgi.
5.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CMC AC/394/2023-24 Date: 07-06-2023.	Providing & CMC services for Split Air conditioners installed at KMIO Bangalore & VTSM Peripheral Cancer Center, Kalburgi.
6.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/RO Plant/395/2023-24 Date: 07-06-2023.	Supply and Installation of RO Plants 50 LPH to VTSM Peripheral Cancer Center, Kalburgi.
7.	No.KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/Chemicals/ 396/2023-24 Date: 07-06-2023.	Supply of Chemicals to Hematology, Pathology, Biochemistry and Microbiology at VTSM Peripheral Cancer Center, Kalburgi.
8.	No.KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CW/ 397/2023-24 Date: 07-06-2023.	Extension of existing Pre-Operative Surgical Ward at KMIO, Bengaluru.
9.	No.KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/RC/ 398/2023-24 Date: 07-06-2023.	Rate Contract for the Hospital Furniture repair and service works in various department of KMIO and PCC, Kalburgi.
10.	No.KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CCTV/ 399/2023-24 Date: 07-06-2023.	Providing additional CCTV's to monitor Areas (Un covered) at various parts of the Buildings of KMIO, Bengaluru.
11.	No.KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/Laundry Equipments/400/2023-24 Date: 07-06-2023.	Supply and Installation of Laundry Equipments on Buy back offer basis for old Laundry equipments at KMIO., Bengaluru.
12.	No.KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/AMC Generators/401/2023-24 Date: 07-06-2023.	Providing AMC Services for Deisel Generators sets at KMIO., Bengaluru and VTSM PCC, Kalburgi.

The Bid Document will be available in online from **12.06.2023 to 10.07.2023.** Bidders can view and download the Bid Document from the Website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Bids have to be submitted through e-Procurement Portal and **Rs. 500.00** as e-procurement Portal fees The last date and time of Receipt of Bid through e-Procurement Portal is **10.07.2023 till 3:00 p.m.** Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/reject/ cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

DIPR/CP/RO218/AAPL/2023-24

Sd/- Director

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
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E-Tender Notice No.V/W/TVC/12/2023 Dated 06/06/2023

Divisional Railway Manager/Works Branch/Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14 for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice and Complete details are given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Sl. No.	Description	Approx. Value Rs. (in Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit Rs.	Period of Completion in months
1	Thiruvananthapuram Division - Tree Cutting from Railway land in ADEN/ERS Jurisdiction.	18.07	36200	SIX
2	Thiruvananthapuram Division - Tree cutting from Railway land in Sr. Section Engineer P.Way Alleppey Jurisdiction.	22.57	45100	SIX
3	Thiruvananthapuram Division - Tree cutting from Railway land in Sr. Section Engineer/ P.Way Quilon & Mavelikkara from Jurisdiction.	35.78	71600	SIX
4	Thiruvananthapuram Division - Tree Cutting from Railway land in ADEN/ TCR Jurisdiction.	40.51	81000	SIX

Tender closing date and time: Sl No.1 to 4: 30.06.2023 at 11.00 hrs

Note: It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website; the same shall be taken into account while submitting.

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No. KRDCL/IFB/2023-24/03 Date: 06.06.2023

INVITATION OF BIDS FOR COLLECTION OF ROAD USER FEE

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) proposes to invite bids from reputed company / partnership firm / proprietary firm / individuals for **Collection of User Fee in 2 state Highways namely 1) Hanagal - Tadas and 2) Saundati Kamtagi.** Interested bidders can participate through KPP-portal and documents can be downloaded from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The last date of receipt of tender is on **07.07.2023 upto 17.30 hours** & Technical bids will be opened on **10.07.2023 at 11.30 hours.**

Note: Please note henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through News Papers and further changes if any, will be updated only on KPP-portal / KRDCL Website **http://www.krdcl.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer
KRDCL, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/BCPL/216/2023-24

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Office of the Chief Engineer (Design & QA), 9th Floor,
Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only through e-procurement portal)

BWSSB invites tender from registered Agencies for the following works.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for receipt of tender	Date & time for opening of tender
1	Quality Assurance	BWSSB/ EQATE/ PB/177/ 2023-24 DATED: 06-06-2023	Rs.71,22,600/-. / Rs. 1,42,500/-.	16.06.2023 up to 5.30 pm	18.06.2023 at 12.00 Noon

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Quality Assurance)

The details regarding participation in the tendering process and tender can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, M Bhagya Lakshmi spouse of Morthala Vengala Reddy presently residing at SMQ 21/6, Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560063 have changed my name from M Bhagya Lakshmi to Morthala Bhagya Lakshmi vide affidavit dated 08-06-2023 before Notary H.K.Gopalagowda, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-70)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 6678 OF 2022
Hg. 17/07/2023

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
A body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, 1st Floor, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560 068, and represented by its POA Holder, Sri. Rohit Ali, S/o Ishrath Ali M, Age 30 years.
...PLAINTIFF

AND:
Ms. Jessica Yolmo, Aged about 30 years, D/o Queinson Yolmo, R/a 1/2, Car Street Ulsoor, Bengaluru - 560 028.
...DEFENDANT

Summons/Notice through Paper Publication

Defendant
Ms. Jessica Yolmo, Aged about 30 years, D/o Queinson Yolmo, R/a 1/2, Car Street Ulsoor, Bengaluru - 560 028.

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery of loan amount of Rs. 4,69,082/- together with interest at the rate of 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a advocate/pleader on 17/07/2023 at 11:00 AM to answer the questions of the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as **"EX-PARTE".**

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 02nd day of June , 2023.

By order of the Court
The Assistant Registrar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
Mr. K.N. Arvinda Navada
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, MANJU Yadav spouse of Sandeep Kumar presently residing at SMQ 262/1, Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560063 have changed my name from Manju Yadav to Manju Rani vide affidavit dated 08-06-2023 before Notary H.K.Gopalagowda, Bengaluru.

I, DOMA YUGANDHAR CHOWDARY, # 5–31/ 1, AP 517112, have changed my name from YUGANDHA CHOWDARY, YUGANDHAR CHOWDARY to DOMA YUGANDHAR CHOWDARY for all future purposes by affidavit dated 07–06–2023, Notary Seshagiri.B

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-12)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 7032 OF 2022
Hg. 13/07/2023

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
A body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 001. And represented by its POA Holder, Mr. M Rohit Ali, S/o Ishrath Ali M, Aged about 25 years
...PLAINTIFF

AND :
Mr. Babin R, S/o Rajamony, Aged about 36 years, R/a 67/2, New 5-1, 1st Building, 1st Cross, DoddaMuthappa Garden, Thavarekere Main Road, Near ICICI ATM, BTM 1st stage, Bengaluru- 560 029.
...DEFENDANT

Summons/Notice through Paper Publication

Defendant
Mr. Babin R, S/o Rajamony, Aged about 36 years, R/a 67/2, New 5-1, 1st Building, 1st Cross, Dodda Muthappa Garden, Thavarekere Main Road, Near ICICI ATM, BTM 1st stage, Bengaluru-560 029.

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery loan amount Rs. 10,54,012/- together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a advocate/pleader on 13/07/2023 at 11.00 AM to answer the questions of the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as **"EX-PARTE".**

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 1st day of June, 2023.

By order of the Court
The Assistant Registrar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
Mr. K.N. Arvinda Navada
Advocate, No.177/1, (88), 1st Floor, Besides 12th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru-560 002.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, YUNUS Ali S/o Shaik Lalu Ali residing at No.163, 2nd Floor, 7th Main Road, M.V.Garden, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008 Karnataka have changed my name to Shaikh Yunus Ali vide affidavit dated 08-06-2023 before Meer Hassan Notary Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXIV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (MAYO HALL UNIT) AT BANGALORE (CH -75)
P & S.C. No. 25035/2023

PETITIONER: Shantharaj Veda Mitra Rani Prasanna -V/s-
RESPONDENT: Nil

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner have filed the above petition for the grant of succession certificate in her favour death claims of Late Dr. Stanley Madan Kumar with respect and third persons interested Hereby summoned to appear before the court in person or by pleader duly interested and able to answers all material questions relating to the above petition on **30/06/2023** at **11:00 A.M.** before the said court to answer the claim of the petitioner.

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Given under my hand and seal of this court on 07/06/2023

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo hall Unit, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner
T. SUNIL & K.V. LAKSHMI
No. 65, Priyanka Apartments, Devakiapparao Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016.

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IN THE COURT OF THE LXV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-66)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 492 OF 2021
Hg: 20/07/2023

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And :
Mr. Kaushal Kumar
...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendant :
Mr. Kaushal Kumar
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Given under my hand and seal of the court this **03rd** day of **June, 2023.**

By order of the Court,
Asst. Registrar,
City Civil Court

Advocate for Plaintiff
S.M. Anees Ahamed,
B.M Kushalappa, Advocates, No.4, (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore - 560001.

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for & on behalf of
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2.**DAVID KENNETH AIKEN** (Designated Partner)

Date : 09.06.2023 | **Place :** Bengaluru

IN THE LIMELIGHT

The real, heart-warming Kerala story and a monotone of hatred, falsities in contrast

2018 might not belong to the league of cinematically brilliant films, but thematically it stresses people's unity in the times of a catastrophe amid vast social divisions; in sharp contrast, *The Kerala Story* is a shocking demonisation of Kerala and Muslims and exists to spread fear among people

Uniting force: *2018* depicts the heroism of ordinary people, especially the marginalised fishing community, in confronting the catastrophe of the biggest Kerala floods of 100 years. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Nissim Mannathukkaren

Recently, the film *2018* became the highest grosser in Malayalam cinema history and crossed ₹150 crore in box office collection for the first time. *The Kerala Story*, released at the same time, failed miserably collecting ₹20 lakh in Kerala (and Tamil Nadu). Yet, the film itself collected a humongous – considering its tiny budget – ₹280 crore (and counting) elsewhere.

2018 depicts the heroism of ordinary people, especially the marginalised fishing community, in confronting the catastrophe of the biggest Kerala floods of 100 years. While cinematically, it is not in the league of some of the brilliant Malayalam films, thematically it stresses people's unity amidst vast social divisions. *The Kerala Story* is a Goebbelsian film without the cinematic qualities that even some Nazi propaganda films had. It is a shocking demonisation of Kerala and Muslims (other than the infantilisation of Hindu women). Its sole purpose is to scaremonger and establish the Islamic State (IS) as the biggest threat that India is facing presently (even if the now-defeated terrorist group has failed to kill a single Indian in a terror attack, and India has among the lowest number of IS recruits).

As the protagonist of the film says, "Kerala is sitting on live time bomb."

If the subtitle of *2018* is "Everyone is a Hero," the subtitle of *The Kerala Story* could well be: "Every Muslim in Kerala is an IS fanatic". *The Kerala Story* is not Kerala's story about itself but the nation's perception of Kerala. And the nation ironically, is in the grip of a majoritarian religious supremacism which constantly searches for enemies – both internal and external. Here, imaginations of pluralism, language, religion, and cuisine are anathema for a homogenised imagination.

The dichotomy between these two imaginations is scarring for the nation. The protagonist and other characters speak Malayalam (sparingly used for effect) with a terrible accent as the makers of the film do not think Malayalam is a requirement for a film based on Keralites. The film that claims to be "The" Kerala Story, and not just "a story from Kerala", has almost no characteristics of Kerala in it. And the Kerala there is would have been comical if it was not dangerous in its effects.

Not a Keralite's Kerala

It is a Kerala in which the protagonist is a vegetarian Hindu woman (even though 99% people eat meat); it is a Kerala in which the protagonist meets Christian and Muslim college peers as if they are aliens (in reality, 45% of the population is Muslim and Christian); it is a Kerala in which colleges have Osama bin Laden graffiti (!); it is a Kerala in which IS radicals openly set fire to homes, sexually assault women publicly and people stand mute; and it is a Kerala in which Deepavali is a main festival.

No Kerala Muslim in the film is not an IS fanatic. In the movie, the dozen or so Kerala Muslims who joined the IS in reality represent the entire nine million Muslims. Expectedly, Malappuram and Kasaragod appear in the film as scary places where even Shariah operates. Makers of *The Kerala Story* would have no idea that the most significant recent development is the emergence of Muslim talent in Malayalam cinema, which veteran Kerala journalist M.G. Radhakrishnan calls as the "Malappuram New Wave," and which has produced outstanding films on love, solidarity, fundamentalism, patriarchy, etc.

In 2021, Kerala, with 364 cases, had the lowest kidnapping rate (after tiny Mizoram and Lakshadweep) in India and seven times less than the national average. Yet, the film persists, despite the Supreme Court order on the disclaimer, with the gargantuan lie that over 30,000 non-Muslim women, not three, have been converted to Islam and recruited to IS from Kerala (in reality, less than 5,000 women globally joined IS).

This is the Kerala that viewers outside will carry with themselves. The six young North Indians, who watched the movie along with me in a Canadian theatre, were shaking with rage, and was not aware of the Supreme Court order. This is how propaganda succeeds. There is a new era in India where the state patronises hate-ridden propaganda films, and the filmmakers pay obeisance to the state. After all, the Prime Minister endorsed the film; the Uttar Pradesh government (and others) gave tax breaks and organised official screenings (like with *Kashmir Files*). And after all, the dialogues in *The Kerala Story* echo the nation's Home Minister who warns other States about Kerala, and the ruling party chief who called Kerala the "breeding centre of Islamic terrorism."

Artistic freedom

Art thrives on stories: everyone can tell stories – about themselves, and about others. These stories do not have to be laudatory only. They can be critical as well. But art ceases to be art when it systematically lies and evokes fear and hatred. Ironically, the mother of the real-life Hindu woman, whose story became the film, refused to endorse it. For her, *The Kerala Story* does not "offer any solution, but instead... want[s] to provoke the religious sentiments of the masses."

When a nation embraces hateful propaganda about its own people as its main artistic imagination, it is in deep peril.

Nissim Mannathukkaren is with Dalhousie University, Canada

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, several readers would like to know the meaning of the word 'pandemonium'."

" 'Pandemonium' means 'a place of violence,confusion and uproar'. When the speaker disallowed any further discussion, pandemonium broke loose. There was pandemonium when the lights failed at the meeting. 'Pandemonium' is a word coined by John Milton. 'Pandemonium' literally means 'all demons'. Pandemonium is the capital of Hell in Paradise Lost, an epic poem written by Milton. The poem was written in 1667."

"Sir, Mr. P.V. Srinivasan, 16, Sambandan Street, Madras-28, wants to know whether it is correct to say 'parapet wall' as 'parapet' itself, means 'a low wall'."

"Both 'parapet' and 'parapet wall' are acceptable. 'Parapet wall' is more commonly used these days than 'parapet'. 'Parapet' is from Italian parepetto. It means, 'to shield the chest'. A parapet is a 'breast high wall'."

"Mr. P. Charles, Anna Nagar, Madras wants to know the meaning of 'travail'.

" 'Travail' was originally used to mean 'pangs of childbirth'. It is no longer used in this sense. This sense is archaic. Now it is used in the sense of 'agony, torment, toil, laborious effort'. It was a time of great travail. The travails of a poet are graphically described in this book."

"Sir, Ms. A. Bala Tripura Sundari, State Bank of India, Shyamapet Branch, Warangai district, wants to know the word 'for a person who directs us to our seats in a theatre'."

"The word is 'usher'. The 'u' is pronounced like the 'u' in 'up'. The 'e' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'China'; the final 'r' is silent."

"Sir, Mr. K, Krishna Rao, , Yellareddyguda, Hyderabad, wants to know the meaning of 'putsch'."

" 'Putsch' is 'an attempt at a political revolution', 'an insurrection'. It is from Swiss German and it literally means 'thrust', 'blow'. The putsch in that country was least expected. The 'u' in 'putsch' is pronounced like the 'u' in 'put'; 'tsch' is pronounced like the 'ch' in 'such' and 'much'."

"Sir, Mr. Anil Ignatius. , New Delhi, wants to know the meaning of 'the tip of the iceberg' and how to use it."

" 'Tip of the iceberg' is part of the iceberg that projects above the surface of the sea. What is seen is only one-ninth of the iceberg. The rest floats unseen under the water. This expression is used figuratively to mean 'a small sign of a larger problem, difficult situation, etc'. The problem is more complex. What you see is just the tip of the iceberg."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Former Doordarshan news anchor Gitanjali Aiyar passed away on June 7. In honour of her work, here is a quiz on yesteryear news anchors

Abhinaya k

QUESTION 1

This award-winning news anchor served as an anchor for CBS Evening News for 19 years and used to sign-off the program with the catchphrase "And that's the way it is". Name the anchor.

QUESTION 2

Barbara Walters broke many records during her illustrated career as a broadcast journalist. In 1976, she signed a five-year contract with ABC that made her the first woman to _____?

QUESTION 3

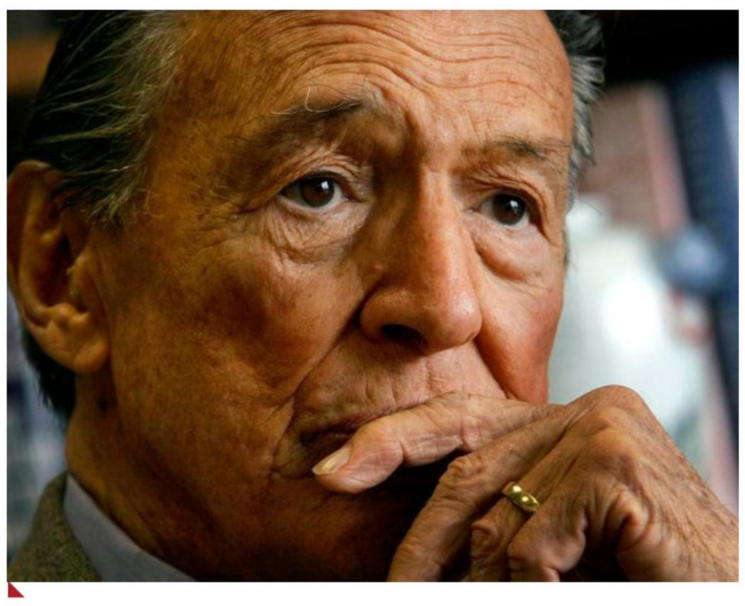
This news anchor was among the first few male voices on Indian news. He is now a voice-over artist and is also known as the voice behind the Delhi metro. Who is he?

QUESTION 4

Who was the first African-American news anchor in the U.S.? He served as the co-host of ABC World News Tonight from 1978.

QUESTION 5

This news anchor, with a rose tucked in her hair, was known for her clean news reading style. The clip of her delivering the news on former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination is one for the books. Name the anchor.



Visual Question: This man along with journalist Harry Reasoner hosted the now iconic 60-minute series. Identify the news anchor. AP

Answers to the previous day's quiz:

1. Name this ocean current flowing along the coast of Mozambique and South Africa. **Ans:Agulhas**
2. Name this marginal sea in the Western Pacific Ocean, between mainland China and the Korean Peninsula.**Ans:Yellow Sea**
3. Name the speciality of the Sargasso Sea in Northern Atlantic Subtropical Gyre.**Ans:No land boundary**
4. This phytoplankton is responsible for one in every five breaths a human take.**Ans:Prochlorococcus**
5. Name the ocean under which the biggest waterfall in the world is located.**Ans:North Atlantic Ocean**
6. This country has the longest coastline in the world.**Ans:Canada**
7. This ocean has a 'Ring of Fire'.. **Ans:Pacific** Visual: Victor Vescovo achieved this in August 2019.**Ans:Reached the deep ends of 5 oceans.**

Early birds: K.N. Vishwanathan, Sunil Kannada

Word of the day

Sojourn:
a short period when a person stays in a particular place

Synonyms: visit, stay

Usage: *After a brief sojourn in Holland to study Sanskrit, he moved to India.*

Pronounciation: bit.ly/sojourn

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈsɒdʒ.ɜːn/

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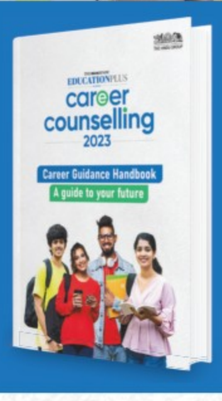

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Traffic bottleneck in front of the M.G. Road metro station in Bengaluru on Thursday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Flood of vehicles turns metro stations into traffic nightmare

Citizens say there is a need for separate lanes for buses and autorickshaws to decongest traffic in front of the stations

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

For Prashanth Kumar, a regular metro commuter from Baiyappanahalli to M.G. Road, making his way in and out of the metro stations is a challenge. The reason: the entire stretch around the entry and exit gates of the stations, especially during peak hours, sees massive traffic snarls as buses, autorickshaws and cabs are parked there.

"This happens every day outside the Baiyappanahalli station because the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has not allocated any designated space for them," he said.

He said there is land right next to the metro station, which could be used as a bus stand and drop-off point for autos and cabs.

This is not a one-off case. In addition to the long-pending problem of last-mile connectivity, areas around the entry and exit points of Namma Metro stations on busy roads, as well as those that see maximum footfall, see traffic bottlenecks as the roads are narrowed by buses, autos, and cabs.

Multiple metro stations face the same issue. Dasarahalli, in north Bengaluru, is another example. Gowtham Naik, a regular commuter, says, "The buses go on the service road. However, private vehicles, like cars and two-wheelers, as well as cabs and autos, that come to drop off people, leave the roads congested."

The metro authorities and traffic police have made provision for buses, autos, and cabs to pick up and drop off passengers at a few metro stations like S.V. Road, M.G. Road, Nagasandra, Deepanjalinagar, and Mysuru Road stations. But most of the other stations do not have enough space for these vehicles.

Roshini S., a commuter from Indiranagar, said, "Despite the station being on the stretch that was opened first, the authorities failed to make provisions for autos and cabs, leading to heavy traffic on the road opposite to the Indiranagar metro station. There is no regulation to manage traffic, and though residents in the area raised this issue almost seven years ago, nothing was done to resolve it."

In 2016, members of various residents' welfare associations of Indiranagar approached the C.V. Raman Nagar MLA, S. Raghu, regarding the auto stand causing congestion opposite the metro station, but nothing has changed.

Illegal parking

Traffic police said there were now many complaints against illegal parking near the entry and exit points of stations. "Despite there being a designated parking area, many commuters park their vehicles on the roads in front of the metro station, which leads to traffic snarls. We have been telling passengers not to park their vehicles on the roads since that will block the way for buses, but no one cares," a traffic police official from Dasarahalli said.

In Kengeri also, there is a similar problem, according to the traffic police. "Most of the buses towards Mysuru go from here. Also, passengers from the metro get down here to travel by public transport. However, the road is narrow, and autos and cabs are parked, resulting in the road getting jammed. Illegal parking adds to the problem," a traffic police official from Kengeri said.

The scene outside the Trinity metro station in Bengaluru on Thursday. K. MURALI KUMAR

> The cause of traffic congestion near the metro station is unregulated parking by private and public transport. A designated place for pick-up and drop-off, similar to the one at KIA, would be great.
>
> **IMPANA MURTHY**
> Commuter

Motorists penalised

As the cabs and autos create traffic jams near the metro station, the traffic police have been working to make the traffic flow easy, say traffic police officials.

"We have been warning motorists who block the entry and exit points and roads leading to metro stations. Apart from this, we have also put up "no parking" boards in front of the metro stations so that private vehicles will not park on the metro roads. We have also penalised such vehicle owners who park in front of metro stations," a senior police official said.

"The traffic police said that the first preference will be given to public transport like BMTC buses. Autos and cabs will not be allowed to occupy the space earmarked for buses. Strict action will be taken against vilators," an official added.

Designated pick-up point

Most commuters of the metro want the authorities to provide designated pick-up and drop-off points around stations. "The cause of traffic congestion near the metro station is unregulated parking by private and public transport. A designated place for pick-up and drop-off, similar to the one at Kempegowda International Airport, would be great," said Impana Murthy, a metro commuter at Indiranagar.

Hima Shankar added that if more people shift to public transport for the last-mile connectivity, it will help a lot in resolving the problem.

Those who use public transport cited different problems. Jayanthi, who gets off at the Cubbon Park metro station's HAL exit and boards the BMTC feeder service to Vasanthnagar, said the bus, MF-8, was forced to move from right outside the station to a few metres away, and said autorickshaws are back in front of the station. "Shouldn't public transport be given priority?" she asked.

The bus crew said as auto drivers park in front of the metro station, leading to arguments, they are forced to stop a little ahead.

Better coordination needed

At a time when BMRCL is working on expanding its network by building more stations across the city, only coordination among the authorities can solve such issues, say activists.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Srinivas Alavilli, a citizen activist and Fellow at WRI India, said, "The success of the metro depends on the success of buses, autos and cabs. So we need access to the stations in terms of last-mile connectivity and take the necessary steps to make it an end-to-end pleasant experience for the commuters."

"There needs to be better thinking by the authorities on multi-model integration in front of the metro station, and each station's needs may be different on this; hence the authorities have to stress the need for multi-model integration, which should solve the last-mile connectivity issues," he added.

Meanwhile, BMRCL officials said that they would take the matter up with the traffic police and other concerned authorities to facilitate better parking facilities for multi-mode transport systems near metro stations.

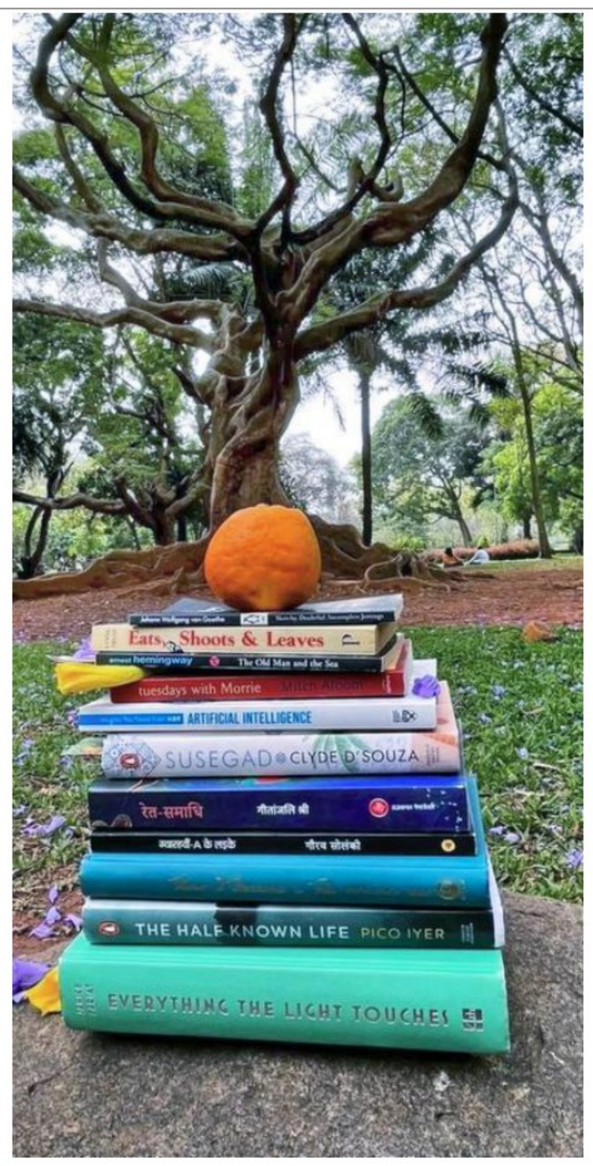
"Apart from coordination between departments to solve such traffic issues in front of the metro stations, drivers of autos and cabs should be disciplined so that there are no traffic snarls," a senior BMRCL official said.

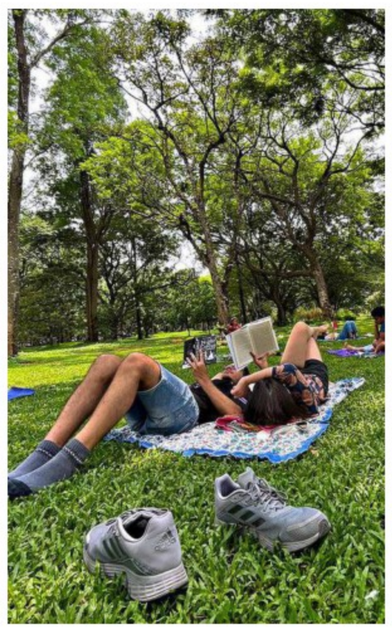
As for the issue of buses not being allowed to stop in front of the stations, a BMRCL official said they would take up the matter with the BMTC so that the bus can use the space in front of the station.

(With inputs from Sangeetha Kestur and Aditya P.)

How Cubbon Park's book clubs are connecting Bengaluru's reading community

In the shade of books





Al fresco reading People and books at Cubbon Park. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Praveen Sudevan
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It is a few minutes past mid-day at Cubbon Park, where the 300-acre green space provides respite from the sun's oppressive heat.

Next to a sprawling banyan tree within the park, a scattered group of about 50 people are seated on towels and mats. Most of them have a book opened in their hands. A few others chat with closed books next to them. One of them sketches a tree.

The vibe is tranquil. The scenery is serene. It is similar to Georges Seurat's pointillist masterpiece, *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte*, which portrays a leisurely scene in 19th-century Paris.

The members of Cubbon Reads have been meeting this way every Saturday since the beginning of this year.

Last December, Shruti Sah and Harsh Snehanshu began cycling to Cubbon Park on Saturdays. They would cycle there, spend some time at the park, and return. Once when they posted photos of them reading there on Instagram, a few of their friends asked if they could join them. So, they made a page called Cubbon Reads and invited people. Six of them turned up for the first meetup. It reduced to five in the next week. In the third week, only one of them turned up. Shruti and Harsh wondered if they should stop this.

The outdoor setting offers a more relaxed atmosphere, fostering a sense of connection with nature and providing a change of scenery from traditional indoor spaces.

"We decided to go on, however, even if it is just the two of us," says Shruti. "But more people started joining through Instagram and by seeing us read at Cubbon Park."

Every Saturday, between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm, people assemble at Cubbon Park with books, a mat, and some snacks to read under the canopy of trees. "Some of those who stay till the afternoon, end up having lunch together. They have their own little sub-groups," says Shruti.

Shruti and Harsh, however, do not like to call Cubbon Reads a 'book club'. For, according to Harsh, book clubs usually have more talkers than readers. "An introvert cannot fit in such a setup. So, we want Cubbon Reads to be more *silent*. We think reading is a very personal experience and we'd like to keep it that way."

If, however, you want to be a part of a more conventional book club under the treetop cover of Cubbon Park, then you could consider joining the Cubbon Book Club (CBC), started by Preksha Sharma and Ankit Kumar last November. Its members meet on the last Sunday of every month. Though they - like most book clubs - discuss a book occasionally, Preksha says there are no rigid rules. "People can do whatever they feel like. It's very flexible. We see it as a safe space for people to socialise."

Making social connections

A few things set these two apart from conventional book clubs in the city. One of the key differences is the setting itself. Book clubs often meet in homes, libraries, or cafes, while these two clubs utilise the open-air environment of a public park. This outdoor setting offers a more relaxed atmosphere, fostering a sense of connection with nature and providing a change of scenery from traditional indoor spaces. It also encourages people from diverse backgrounds to meet and share different perspectives and experiences.

Before attending her first CBC session, Divya Uthup, a marketing professional, thought she would be amidst a bunch of techies. She was pleasantly surprised to find a philosopher and an environmentalist, among others. "We discussed topics ranging from economics to the impact of AI. It was fun to get these diverse perspectives," she says.

Both CBC and Cubbon Reads also foster new friendships. Twitter user @_waabi_saabi_ (who did not want to reveal her actual name), for instance, says her mental health improved after joining a sub-group of CBC called Bangalore Aesthetics on WhatsApp. "People used to post photos of sunrises and sunsets and talk about how one can cultivate a sense of awe towards life. It is nice to be in a group of relative strangers looking out for each other," she says.

Meanwhile, you don't even have to be a reader to join Cubbon Reads. Ambarish Shiva, a multidisciplinary artist, for instance, sketches a tree at the park every time he attends a session. "I am not into books. I have just read one book in my life. It's difficult for me to read. So, I just sketch. I find it more comfortable sketching with this group than with other artists," he says.

Increasing readers

Both CBC and Cubbon Reads have steadily grown over the last few months. The former has over 4,300 followers on Twitter and 650 on Instagram. And the latter has 3792 followers on Instagram.

One of the CBC meetups was attended by Harini Nagendra, the author of the novel *The Bangalore Detectives Club*. Preksha plans to invite more authors to meet the CBC members. The 21st edition of the Cubbon Reads meetup, meanwhile, had 400 participants.

Both reading groups want to encourage reading in public spaces. Other book clubs in public parks are also sprouting up within the city (like Lalbagh Reads and HSR Reads), in other cities (like Pune Reads and Lodhi Reads), and even outside the country (like Kuala Lampur Reads in Malaysia).

He then points to a large banyan tree, near which the Cubbon Reads members usually meet. "You see that tree? When we started meeting, it was nearly leafless. Now, it's full of leaves. We'd like to see it as a sign of growth of this reading community."

Thriving on stage A still from the 'international conference of insecurity' created and performed by an international collective of performers and writers in Switzerland and (below) Deepika Arwind. ANNA MORGERNSTERN

Drama in voice

A dramatised reading of Deepika Arwind's work-in-progress play, *Cumin*, will be presented today

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Deepika Arwind's play, a work in progress, *Cumin*, will be presented as a dramatised reading this weekend. *Cumin*, is a result of Jagriti's first playwright-in-residence workshop.

A theatre personality, playwright and performer, Deepika is the artistic director of The Lost Post Initiative (TLPA) – an arts collective that works with diverse artists.

Deepika, who currently shuttles between Germany and Bengaluru, says: "I am enjoying the process of having the space to create this play. As we have no formal training on how to be a playwright here, the dramatised reading will help us develop the play. The reading will be anything but boring, as it will have all the emotions and drama. The feedback from the audience will help us understand better what is working and what is not."

About the title, Deepika says, "A character's mother was a chef and had a restaurant named Cumin and her daughter, also a chef, continues that legacy."

The play, Deepika says is about two women, Noor and Zula. "They are cousins who are separated and end up meeting years later. Noor is a celebrity chef, who reaches out to Zula, a struggling choreographer in Berlin. It is there that their emotional and personal struggles and conflicts come into play. Will their inheritance and family ties help the two women bond better or not? The play also talks about the challenges women face while living alone."

Deepika says the same play will later be staged as a theatrical production. The dramatised reading, directed by Rebecca Spurgeon, will be at Jagriti, Whitefield, on June 9, 7.30pm. It is open to anyone aged 16 years and above.

Tickets on BookMyShow

Revisiting a Karnad classic

Nagamandala is being restaged to celebrate Girish Karnad's 85th birth anniversary

Musical tribute The team of *Nagamandala*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Bengaluru Theatre Foundation is reviving Girish Karnad's iconic play, *Nagamandala*, after two decades to celebrate the playwright's 85th birth anniversary. Directed by Arjun Kabbina, this production takes inspiration from Karnad's work, using Yellamma's songs (traditional folk music) as a narrative anchor.

Shilpa Mudbi Kothakota leads the music, accompanied by renowned folk singers Ramakka Jogati and Karibasava; Samson Philip, a jazz bass guitarist and Raaghu, a seasoned percussionist.

The play explores the parallel narratives of Yellamma and Rani, women doubted by their husbands for a mistake they didn't commit. Yellamma's story brings vibrant colours to Karnad's metaphoric world. Choreography is enriched by dancers Poornendra Meshram and Unnath Jain, infusing their signature styles.

The production also features captivating puppetry by master puppeteer Kapil Dev, light design by Pradeep Belavadi, set design by Sridhar Murthy, and the expertise of writer and spoken word poet Bharath Savithri Divakar as the play's dramaturg.

In conjunction with the production, a conversation between Arshia Sattar and Basav Biradar will delve into Karnad's literary contributions and legacy. The play, presented by veteran theatre personality Bimal Desai, has Forum as its partner for the upcoming shows.

Bengaluru Theatre Foundation's revival of *Nagamandala* promises a captivating theatrical experience, paying homage to Girish Karnad's enduring brilliance in storytelling.

Venue: Prestige Srihari Khoday Centre For Performing Arts. Date and time: June 9, 10, and 11 (Four shows in total. June 9 and 10 at 7 pm, June 11 at 11 am and 7 pm). Tickets on bookmyshow.com

STEPOUT

World on a plate

The Hebbal Cafe, all-day dining restaurant at Courtyard by Marriott Bengaluru Hebbal, is organising the World on Plate Brunch. You can dig into continental, oriental, North Indian, Mexican, Italian buffets and more. It is priced at ₹1999. *On June 11 and 25. Call 919606482968.*

World Gin day

Suzy Q is celebrating World Gin Day with a specially crafted gin cocktail menu. There will be gins made from earl grey, raspberry, tender coconut and thyme. *June 9 to 11. Call 918047250088 for reservations.*

Daysie all Day Casual Bar offers you a specially crafted gin cocktail menu, using ingredients such as yuzu, passion fruit, kokum, saffron, jamun and more. *Call 47250000 to reserve a table.*

Just poetry

Atta Galatta presents *Chaar Kavi, Ek Shaam,* an evening of Hindi poetry recital and book reading by Anjuman. The event will feature four Bangalore-based poets — Lovely Goswami, Mohit Kataria, Anuradha Singh, and Sourav Roy. *On June 11, 3pm. Call 9742876892 for details*

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INBRIEF

Housing Minister to hold Janata Darshan in all districts

Housing and Minorities Development Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan has said Janata Darshan will be conducted at all district headquarters from August 1.

"The purpose of holding the Janata Darshan in district headquarters is to stop people from coming to Bengaluru for facilities and amenities under the Housing and Minorities Development departments," he said.

Reviewing the progress of the Slum Development Board on Thursday, he said the Janata Darshan would be held for two days a month in each district in which taluk-level officers belonging to the two departments would be present for the redressal of the people's problems on the spot.

First lady officer to head ASC's No. 1 Training Battalion

Col. Mandeep Virdi, an Army Service Corps (ASC) officer of the pioneer batch of women officers, has become the first lady officer to take over the command of No. 1 Training Battalion (Animal Transport) 'The Mighty Chetak', a premier training establishment of ASC Centre (North). "A remarkable achievement and a significant milestone for the women in Indian Armed Forces," said the Ministry of Defence in a statement.

Two RDPR Department engineers suspended

Two executive engineers of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department have been suspended from service on the charge of siphoning of funds.

S.R. Harish of the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department in Tumakuru has been suspended for alleged misuse of ₹2.76 crore funds. K. Halachera of the Engineering Department of Yadgir division has been suspended on the charge of misappropriation of funds to the tune of ₹1.3 crore, said an order.

Gruha Jyothi to be launched on Aug. 1 in Kalaburagi; Gruha Lakshmi in Belagavi

CM directs E-governance Department officials to increase the capacity of Seva Sindhu portal in accordance with the huge amount of data submitted

The Hindu Bureau
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Reviewing preparations: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chairing a high-level meeting with officials on the implementation of the two 'guarantee' schemes, in Bengaluru on Thursday. Minister for Women and Child Development Laxmi Hebbalkar was also present.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday said the Gruha Jyothi scheme would be launched on August 1 in Kalaburagi while the Gruha Lakshmi scheme would be flagged off on August 17 or 18 in Belagavi.

At a high-level meeting with senior government officials on the implementation of the two 'guarantee' schemes, he instructed officials that the application process for all schemes should be made simple. "Unnecessary information and documents should not be sought. Also, if applications are rejected, appropriate reasons should be cited," he said. He warned the officials not to reject applications for "silly reasons".

Since a large number of applications are expected to be submitted for all five guarantee schemes, the Chief Minister directed the officials of the E-governance Department to increase the capacity of the Seva Sindhu portal in accordance with the huge amount of data submitted.

The government has decided to launch the Gruha Jyothi scheme, for providing 200 units of free electricity, on August 1 in Kalaburagi. He instructed the officials to remove all the confusions about the guidelines of this scheme and make citizens aware of the process.

Registrations for the Gruha Jyothi scheme can be done through Seva Sindhu. In addition, help desks will also be established in all Escoms. The registration process will start on June 15.

Application can be submitted through BangaloreOne, KarnatakaOne, and GramaOne centres and also at home through computer or mobile app.

New house owners or new tenants will also be given free power based on the State average of electricity consumption. The Chief Minister said that once the average of one year was available, based on the data, free electricity would be provided. Consumers would be allowed to pay arrears of old electricity bills till September 30. Tenants could avail of this facility by submitting the agreement letter, Aadhaar card, RR number, and voter ID of the same address.

Mr. Siddaramaiah held discussions with officials to launch the Gruha Lakshmi on August 17 or 18 in Belagavi. The application process will start on June 15. One can apply for the scheme through Seva Sindhu. Similarly, applications can also be submitted in person at Nadakacheri, where separate counters will be set up for the purpose.

Applicants should provide ration card number, Aadhaar card number of wife and husband, and bank account details with Aadhaar combination.

Under the scheme, ₹2,000 per month would be deposited directly into the bank account of eligible beneficiaries through DBT. It is estimated that this scheme will reach around 85% of families in the State. APL card holders who are not tax payers and have no GST registration will also get this facility.

One more condition

Minister for Woman and Child Welfare Laxmi Hebbalkar told the media that if sons are paying income tax, then the mothers would not be eligible to avail of ₹2,000 under the scheme.

Cong. guarantees, decreasing quantum of rice for BPL families led to BJP's debacle, say defeated candidates

The Hindu Bureau
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The introspection meeting of the BJP held on Thursday to decipher reasons for its miserable defeat in the recently held Karnataka Assembly polls saw a large number of defeated candidates blaming the poll guarantees offered by the Congress and the previous BJP government's decision to decrease the quantum of rice provided to BPL families as the main reasons for the debacle. The party held separate meetings of MLAs as well as defeated candidates besides that of the State core committee.

During the meeting of defeated candidates, most of the participants reportedly observed that the Congress' guarantees went a long way in wooing the voters. Some of them also felt that the internal reservation for the Scheduled Castes did not go well with some of the SC communities.

The former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who heard the participants along with party national general secretary and State in-charge Arun Singh, reportedly asked them to focus on the Lok Sabha elections and make efforts to win a maximum number of seats.

Kuruba community

Meanwhile, a few legislators are also learnt to have taken exception to the denial of the ticket to senior leader and party's OBC face K.S. Eshwarappa. They reportedly expressed concern that keeping Mr. Eshwarappa out of the poll fray had resulted in the party losing out on the support of his Kuruba community. They also felt that denying the ticket to Jagadish Shettar and Laxman Savadi had a negative impact on the party.

The former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai told media persons after the meeting that issues related to fixing specific responsibilities and targets for the party MLAs ahead of the Lok Sabha elections were also discussed.

Leader of Opposition

Mr. Bommai said Mr. Singh elicited the views of party MLAs on the selection of the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly. A decision on the selection would be made soon, he said. The Leader of the Opposition will have to be elected before the legislature session commencing on July 7.

State tour from June 20

The BJP has decided to embark upon a State tour by its leaders from June 20 to 25 to create awareness about the achievements of the Narendra Modi government at the Centre and also to prepare the party for the taluk/zilla panchayat and Lok Sabha polls. According to sources, seven teams of leaders would tour different districts.

Probe ordered into 'misuse of funds' in KKRDB

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/KALABURAGI

The State government has set up a five-member committee to inquire into the alleged misuse of funds released to the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB) and submit a report within 15 days.

The investigation has been ordered by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah after Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge sought an inquiry into the issue.

Complaints

The Government Order on Thursday pointed out that there had been complaints of misuse of funds in the last two or three years in the expenditure of ₹3,000 crore released to the KKRDB.

Over the last couple of years, Congress legislators from the Kalyana Karnataka region have been accusing that the money released for infrastructure development had been misused and also diverted. Mr. Kharge had written several letters in this regard.

The committee headed by director of the ADB wing of the Planning Department D. Chandrashekaraiah has been tasked to investigate the misuse of funds and utilisation of funds without following procedures. Among those being inquired into are spending of ₹3.5 crore released for the Kalyana Karnataka Liberation Day programme without following the KTPP Act besides spending additional ₹50 lakh for the same purposes.

The committee will also inquire into the expenditure incurred in the ₹300 crore grant given to the KK Human Resources, Agriculture, and Cultural Association by the KKRDB.

The committee will be in Kalaburagi and other districts concerned from June 12 for three days to inquire into the complaints received in the matter, the order stated.

Increase reach among farmers, Minister tells UAS-B

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy has set a target of increasing the farmers' reach of the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bangalore from the present 45% to a minimum of 70% to ensure farmers' welfare and agricultural development.

Inaugurating a programme organised at the UAS-B to mark International Seed Day with the theme 'Sustainable development through seeds: Global vision and local initiatives', Mr. Cheluvarayaswamy pointed out on Thursday that presently the release of new varieties of crops and the researches by the university had reached only about 45% of farmers. He asked the university to work in close coordination with farmers to take it to 70%.

The Minister instructed the university to take up a programme for attracting farm youth back to agriculture. He also asked the university authorities to strive for making agriculture a profitable venture by focusing on secondary agriculture that involves processing and value addition of crops.

Quality of seeds

Speaking on the occasion, National Rainfed Area Authority CEO Ashok Dalwai observed that it was possible to increase production by about 25% if quality seeds were produced and supplied to farmers.

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INBRIEF

SC to hear appeal against bail to YSRCP MP's son today

The Supreme Court on Thursday agreed to urgently hear on Friday an appeal filed by the Enforcement Directorate against a 15-day conditional bail granted to YSRCP MP Magunta Srinivasulu's son Magunta Raghava Reddy. He is facing money-laundering charges linked to the Delhi liquor policy case. The Delhi High Court had allowed interim bail to Mr. Reddy on June 7.

Wild elephant Chakkakompan disrupts traffic near Munnar

A wild tusker, locally called Chakkakompan, disrupted traffic near Anayirankal in Munnar, Kerala on Wednesday. Chakkakompan blocked the traffic for around an hour on the Kochi-Dhanushkodi stretch of National Highway 85. Forest department's Rapid Response Team chased the tusker away to restore traffic. The tusker also destroyed a roadside shop.

Cow slaughter remark: Cong. pulls up Karnataka Minister

Party general secretary Surjewala reprimands K. Venkatesh for 'out-of-turn' comments as move to review State's anti-cow slaughter law sparks unease among party leaders in M.P. and Chhattisgarh

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Days after Karnataka's Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh had indicated that the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government may rethink the ban on cow slaughter, Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala reprimanded the Minister.

"I have asked him to focus on dairy farmers and ensure that the farmers get the right price for milk. He should not make out-of-turn comments or decide on policy issues that don't come under his purview," Mr. Surjewala said on Thursday.

On Wednesday, even Chief Minister Siddaramaiah hinted at a possible review when he stated that all "anti-farmer" laws including the anti-cow slaughter one would be reviewed. This was after a farmers' group met him and sought its repeal.

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> **RANDEEP SURJEWALA**
> AICC general secretary

Divide in party

The comment by Mr. Surjewala, who is the Congress's Karnataka in-charge, reflects the divide within the party over the issue of ban on cow slaughter. A section of the party argues that any fallout from the decision on cow slaughter would not be restricted to Karnataka but will have immediate political ramifications in the Hindi heartland States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, where Assembly elections are scheduled later this year.

In these two States, the Congress strategy has been not only focused on key issues such as price rise and unemployment, but it has also aggressively taken on the BJP on the religious turf as well, by organising *Sundarkand Paath* to pay obeisance to Lord Hanuman in Madhya Pradesh and a global Ramayan festival in Chhattisgarh recently.

And weeks after the Karnataka manifesto likened the Bajrang Dal with the Popular Front of India (PFI) and called for firm action, even a ban, on Tuesday, former M.P.

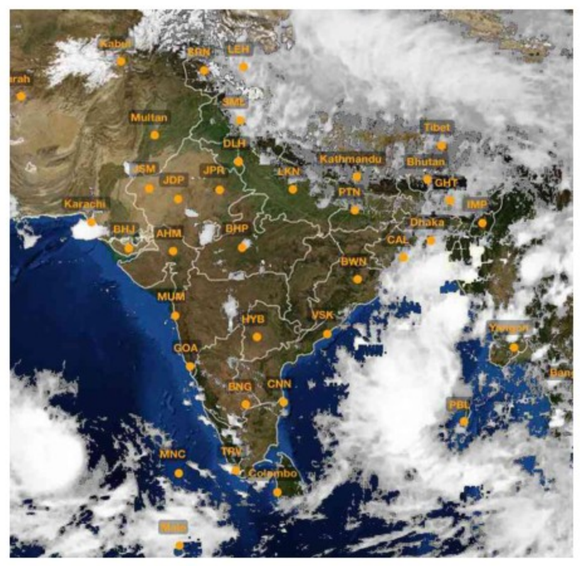
Chief Minister Kamal Nath presided over a function that saw an outfit called Bajrang Sena merge with the Congress amid chants of Jai Sri Ram.

'Sense of unease'

That is why the proposed move in Karnataka on cow slaughter has created a sense of unease with a section of the Congress. While the Congress's Karnataka manifesto did not promise lifting the ban on cow slaughter, Mr. Venkatesh triggered a debate last week when he questioned the logic of the ban when there was no such on the slaughter of buffaloes.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Aizawl	—	37.0	22.1	Lucknow	—	41.3	26.5
Allahabad	—	44.1	27.8	Madurai	—	39.6	26.1
Bengaluru	0.2	32.5	22.4	Mangaluru	12.4	33.7	25.0
Bhopal	—	40.6	27.4	Mumbai	—	35.7	28.6
Bhubaneswar	7.4	41.6	24.5	Mysuru	—	—	—
Chandigarh	—	38.1	23.6	New Delhi	—	39.9	23.9
Chennai	—	40.1	30.5	Patna	—	44.0	28.9
Coimbatore	—	35.6	22.7	Port Blair	140	30.6	23.1
Dehradun	—	37.2	21.6	Puducherry	—	37.7	27.8
Gangtok	—	26.9	18.5	Pune	—	38.4	23.9
Goa	—	35.8	27.2	Raipur	—	43.0	29.0
Guwahati	—	38.2	27.4	Ranchi	—	39.2	28.0
Hubballi	—	36.0	25.0	Shillong	5	26.6	18.8
Hyderabad	—	39.7	27.0	Shimla	—	24.4	14.2
Imphal	1	33.5	20.7	Srinagar	—	28.0	11.2
Jaipur	—	39.8	29.0	Thiruvananthapuram	21	31.8	23.6
Kochi	29.6	—	24.2	Tiruchi	—	39.1	27.6
Kohima	56	28.0	16.6	Vijayawada	—	41.4	29.1
Kolkata	—	36.5	31.0	Visakhapatnam	—	38.6	29.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.28	.44	.27	47	101	
Bengaluru	.26	.11	101	45	56	
Chennai	.3	100	.46	83	68	
Delhi	.16	.60	.30	307	208	
Hyderabad	.13	.12	.46	57	72	
Kolkata	.9	.10	.25	90	90	
Lucknow	.8	.37	.41	181	162	
Mumbai	.39	.33	128	56	52	
Pune	119	174	114	57	51	
Visakhapatnam	.21	.68	.45	95	161	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 323 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 25

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Chandrayaan-3 will be launched in mid-July: ISRO chief

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman S. Somnath on Thursday said that the space agency was planning to launch the Chandrayaan-3 moon mission in mid-July.

Speaking to pressperson at the International Conference on Spacecraft Mission Operations (SMOPS-2023), Mr. Somnath said, "Mission Chandrayaan-3 is nearing its launch. We have already moved the Chandrayaan-3 satellite from U.R. Rao Satellite Centre in Bengaluru to Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The initial operations of checking the satellites – both the propulsion module that is the orbiter part and the lander-plus-rover – are going on now."

He said that the satellite has been moved to Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota

He said the launch vehicle for the mission, LVM3, had also reached the launch port. "We are in the checking and testing phase. Integration of the launch vehicle will happen this month-end. The rocket will be fully ready and we will be assembling Chandrayaan-3 to the rocket in the beginning of July. The launch is in the middle of July," he added.

Mr. Somnath said that following the launch, as in the case of India's previous moon mission, Chandrayaan-2, the orbital raising will take place and the lander and orbiter will orbit the moon before touching down. He said ISRO has added more fuel to the lander.He added that the Chandrayaan-3 will take the same path as its predecessor and will land at the same landing site.

On Gaganyaan delay

The ISRO chief said that the space agency could not launch the Gaganyaan mission in 2022 as intended because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Aditya-L1, which is the first Indian space mission to observe the sun and the solar corona, Mr. Somnath said the launch window for the mission is in August and if the ISRO cannot launch it by then, it will have to wait for another year.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
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Phone No. 9438477985 ; e-Mail id: cebmsbb2019@gmail.com
No. S&BB-W- 3322 Dt. 03/06/23

1st Corrigendum to Tender Notice :- BID Identification No 02/22-23 of CEBM, SBB, Laxmiposi.

Name of Work :- Construction of Nuagaon Distributary from RD 4792 M to RD 9140M, Kainphulia Minor, Pathara S/M, Joginuagaon S/M and Amjuda S/M including all structures, cement concrete lining and inspection road under Subarnarekha Irrigation Project.

Due to some unavoidable circumstances, the tender for the above work is hereby cancelled as per Clause No. 15 of NIT.

Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin,
Laxmiposi

A-210: OIPR-32074/11/0008/2324

OFFICE OF THE ROURKELA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Udit Nagar, Rourkela, Dist.: Sundargarh (Odisha) Pin-769012
Website : www.rmc.nic.in ; Email Id : rourkelamunicipality@gmail.com

No. 6665 Date: 07.06.2023

TENDER CALL NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from the reputed firms /Agencies for **"Supply of manpower for Operation & maintenance work at Biju Patnaik Indoor Stadium, Panposh, Rourkela on outsource Basis".**

Detail technical specifications along with terms & conditions etc. may be seen from the Web site of Rourkela Municipal Corporation i.e. **www.rmc.nic.in**. Date of issue of tender documents is **08.06.2023**.The last date for receipt of sealed tender is **23.06.2023 till 01.00 PM** through Speed Post/ Regd. Post /Courier/ or by hand in the office address of the undersigned.

Commissioner,
Rourkela Municipal Corporation

C-537: OIPR-13131/11/0021/2324

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER,
SUBARNAREKHA & BUDHABALANGA BASIN,
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Bid Identification No.- 05 /23-24 of CEBM, SBB, Laxmiposi

Online tenders are invited from Super Class or Equivalent Grade Bidders on EPC Contract

Name of Work	Class / EMD / Tender Fee / Period of Completion
NAME OF WORK : Construction of Distribution System for 5180 ha. Of CCA including command area development (CAD) of Basta distributary from RD 2.007 km to tail under Subarnarekha Irrigation Project through under ground pipe line irrigation system (gravity flow) in Mayurbhanj & Balasore District of Odisha on EPC-Turn Key basis including operation and maintenance of complete commissioned project for 5 years.	(1) **Class of Contractor** - Super Class or Equivalent Grade Bidders (2) **EMD : Rs.2,02,60,800/-** (3) **Tender Fee : Rs.10,000.00** to be transferred online (non Refundable). (4) **Period of completion : 24** (Twenty four) calendar months including rainy seasons.

A.	Period of Availability of Bid Document in the Portal	: **From 09.6.2023, 10.00 AM to 06.07.2023, 5.00 PM**
B.	Date & time For Pre-Bid Conference	: **19.06.2023, 11.35 AM**
C.	Last Date and Time for Receipt of Bid	: **06.07.2023, 5.00 PM.**
D.	Place of Sale & Receipt of Bid	: **On-Line through e-Procurement.**
E.	Time and Date of Opening of Technical Bid	: **07.07.2023, 11.00 AM**
F.	Place of Opening of Bid	: **O/o the Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi**

G. Further details can be seen from E-Procurement Portal **"https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in"**

Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin,
Laxmiposi

A-223: OIPR-32074/11/0013/2324

Government of Karnataka
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ಲಲಿತ ಮಹಲ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು–570011
Administrative Training Institue
Lalitha Mahal Road, Mysore - 570011
No: ATI/18/STN/2022-ATI-STN-ATI Dated:07.06.2023

TENDER PUBLICATION

Administrative Training Institute, Lalitha Mahal Road, Mysore is inviting Short term tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for Supplying Stationery and Housekeeping Items. Registered/eligible firms/organizations can submit their bids through the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website:https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Details of the tender are as follows:

Sl. No	Details of the Service	Approximate Amount	E.M.D
1	Short-Term Tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for Supplying Stationery and Housekeeping Items for Administrative Training Institute for a period of one year	Rs.63,79,069/-	Rs.1,27,582/-

The tender documents can be viewed on the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal from 07.06.2023 at 11.30AM. The last date for the submission of bid is 14.06.2023 at 5.30 (Evening). The Tender bids will be opened on 16.06.2023 at 11.30 in the Morning. Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned address.

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/47/2023-24 Sd/- Joint Director(Admin)

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
BENGALURU
Estate Office, GKVK, Bengaluru - 560 065.

NO. EO/TN/MP HOSTEL /2023-24 Date: 01-06-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore has invited Tender in Two cover system in the prescribed form from the reputed Manpower supply Agencies for the following works. The details of the notification, condition of two cover system, schedule, specifications, terms and conditions are available in the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The cost of tender document is as per e-procurement portal. The EMD has to be paid in the e-procurement portal using e-procurement payment mode.

Sl. No.	Description	Amount put to Tender Rs. in lakhs	E.M.D (in Rs.)	Duration
1	Supply of Manpower personnel to various Hostels at UAS, Bangalore.	476.25	7,14,375	1 year

The above Tender will be under two cover system and the conditions for two cover systems is also uploaded in the website.

Schedule of Events: 1) Pre-bid Meeting: **15.06.2023 at 10:30 a.m. 2)** Last date for uploading of Tender: **17.06.2023 upto 4:00 p.m. 3)** Opening of Technical Bid: **20.06.2023 at 10:30 a.m. 4)** Opening of Financial Bid: **23.06.2023 at 10:30 a.m.**

Further, details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours and Phone Number 080-23332765. For more details please contact e-portal help desk at **support@eprochelpdesk.com** or **080-46010000 / 080-68948777** on working days.

DIPR/CP/JA/221/2023-24 Sd/- Estate Officer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our clients **Sri.H.Manjunath, Smt. H. Padmavathamma** and **H.Ramu** all are children's of V.Hanumanthaiah all are residing at, Somasagara Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District had executed a General Power of Attorney dated 20-06-2020, registered document No.NMG-4-00043/2020-21, stored in CD.No.NMGD838, registered in the office of Sub-Register, Nelamangala in respect of agricultural land measuring 2 Acre in Survey Number 33, , situated at Somasagar Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District authorizing Sri. Kemparajau Son of Kadaraiah, residing at, Gollarahatti Village, Manne Post, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District to deal with the above said property. Our client has cancelled/revoked the said registered power of attorney dated 20-06-2020 by issuing notice dated 30-05-2023 to the said attorney with immediate effect.

In view of the above cancelation Sri. Kemparajau has no right and authority to deal with the above said property in any manner and the public's are hereby called upon not to enter into any transaction with said person in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Agricultural land bearing Survey Number 33,** measuring **2 Acre,** situated at **Somasagar Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District,** and bounded as follows:

East by : Government Land,
West by : Property of Rangaswamaiah,
North by : Property of Baraguraiah
South by : Government Halla

Sd/-
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ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION-2023 (OJEE-2023)

No: OJEE / 0250 *DATE : 08-06-2023*

NOTICE FOR EXTENSION OF THE LAST DATE FOR ONLINE APPLICATION FOR 2nd /SPECIAL OJEE - 2023

This is for the information of all candidates, interested to apply for 2nd / Special OJEE 2023, that the **last date for registration and final submission of online application forms for 2nd/ Special OJEE - 2023, which was earlier notified as 08.06.2023, is extended up to 10.06.2023 (till 04.30 PM).**

Candidates are advised to visit OJEE websites **(www.ojee.nic.in / www.odishajee.com)**, read the **'Information Brochure'** and the **'Instructions to fill On-line Application Form'**, which are available in the OJEE websites and submit their online Application Forms as soon as possible, without waiting till the last date.

It may be noted that there will be no further extension of the registration / application period beyond this date.

Sd/-
CHAIRMAN, OJEE, Odisha

h-05: OIPR-14020/11/0006/2324

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Bid Identification No.- 04 /23-24 of CEBM, SBB, Laxmiposi

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online tenders are invited from the eligible bidders for Construction of Bankatira Barrage across river Budhabalanga at Darkuli in District Balasore, Odisha including hydro-mechanical works, Power connectivity works, road connectivity, staff quarters including survey, investigation, Planning, design and estimate of all components with operation and maintenance of the project for a period of five years or five flood seasons whichever is more after successful commissioning of the project on EPC Contract.

Name of Work	Class/EMD/Tender Fee/ Period of Completion
Construction of Bankatira Barrage across river Budhabalanga at Darkuli in District Balasore, Odisha including hydro-mechanical works, Power connectivity works, road connectivity, staff quarters including survey, investigation, Planning, design and estimate of all components with operation and maintenance of the project for a period of five years or five flood seasons whichever is more after successful commissioning of the project.	(1) Class - Super class or equivalent Bidders. (2) EMD — **Rs.2,10,90,000/-** (3) Tender Fee- **Rs.10000/-** to be transferred online (Non Refundable) (4) Period of Completion - 30 calendar months including rainy season

A.	PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF BIDDING DOCUMENT	:	**Dt. 09.06.2023 from 10.00 AM to Dt.06.07.2023 up to 5.00 PM**
B.	TIME AND DATE FOR PRE-BID CONFERENCE	:	**Dt. 19.06.2023 at 11.00 AM** in office of the CE & BM, S & B Basin, Laxmiposi in physical/ virtual mode through Google Meet. The interested bidder should ask to link giving their e-mail Id to **cebmsbb2019@gmail.com**
C.	LAST DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS	:	**Dt. 06.07.2023 up to 5.00 PM**
D.	PLACE OF SALE, RECEIPT OF BIDS	:	**Online through e-procurement.**
E.	TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF TECHNICAL BID	:	**Dt. 07.07.2023 at 11.00 AM**
F.	PLACE OF OPENING OF BIDS	:	**Office of the CE & BM , S & B Basin, Laxmiposi.**
G.	Further details can be seen from e-procurement portal **"https://tendersodisha.gov.in"**		

Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin,
Laxmiposi

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Another low

Canada is doing very little to address India's concerns on Sikh extremism

A tableau, in Brampton, Canada, glorifying the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, has expectedly caused outrage across the polity in India. The tableau was part of an annual parade by Canadian Sikh separatist or "Khalistani" groups to mark their protest against Operation Bluestar, in 1984. An accompanying poster termed the killing as an act of "revenge". Political leaders in India have called for Canada to apologise and to acknowledge the dangers of the rise of anti-Indian separatist and extremist forces. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said the incident was part of a broader pattern, indicating that these forces pose a real challenge not only to the India-Canadian relationship but also to Canada itself. He suggested that the failure to act against these groups was due to a desire to cater to Canadian "vote-banks" that the much broader community of about 8,00,000 Sikhs constitute. He added that the culture of validating violence as an acceptable form of protest was one that should concern Canada's leadership as well, given past incidents such as the bombing of an Air India flight in 1985. India-Canada relations have been fraught over similar issues, as India has been protesting incidents of vandalism and anti-India and anti-Modi graffiti on temples and community centres there, as well as over Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's remarks criticising the Narendra Modi government's treatment of Punjab farmers who were protesting the 2020 agriculture Bill. As a result, India had called off high-level engagements and virtually snapped communications between New Delhi and Ottawa for several months, before they were restored.

The latest provocation could well lead to another such spiral, and both governments need to resolve the issues diplomatically if they want to avoid another nadir in bilateral ties. While the Canadian government is within its rights to protect free speech and expression in its country, it must understand India's concern that tableaus that glorify the assassination of a Prime Minister constitute inflammatory hate speech, and could fuel radicalism. Meanwhile, instead of seeking to shut down protests which are legal, or issuing démarche over every act of vandalism, it would be more productive if New Delhi is able to cooperate and share evidence of the extremist activity and terrorist acts such groups are conspiring on. Given that Khalistani protests have been seen in Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States and parts of Europe, the Modi government must now chalk out a broader diplomatic strategy to ensure a more effective way of dealing with the problem, which could even be discussed with the leaders of all these countries, who are expected to visit India in September for the G-20 summit.

Economic emphasis

The focus was on trade, development ties during the Nepal PM's visit

Few countries have more intimate relations than Nepal with India as they share an open border that allows their nationals to move freely. Their relationship is characterised by close economic, security and cultural ties. India remains a major trade and transit partner, where a number of Nepalis continue to earn a living or pursue higher education. Good ties with Nepal, meanwhile, help India address security and geopolitical issues in its neighbourhood more smoothly. Yet, their political relationship, in the near past, has gone through more ebbs than flows, largely due to a border dispute over the Kalapani area. A change of government in Nepal with the fall of the hawkish regime led by Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli and the restoration of the pre-2022 election Nepali Congress and Maoist alliance to power raised expectations of a thaw in this matter. During a four-day India visit by Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal last week, this irritant in ties was not delved upon, and that in itself could count as a positive measure to move towards relative bonhomie. More importantly, economic ties received a fillip with progress in expanding cooperation in power sector development and trade. The finalisation of an agreement to increase the export of power from Nepal to India to 10,000 MW within 10 years, development of new transmission lines, an MoU for the construction of a petroleum supply pipeline between Siliguri and Jhapa, besides extensions to existing pipelines and construction of new terminals were positives. But the highlight of Mr. Dahal's visit was an agreement to take forward the Indian proposal of the export of Nepal's hydropower to Bangladesh through Indian territory.

The success of Mr. Dahal's visit would be assessed when these agreements come to fruition, but the progress made in recent Indian ventures such as in rail connectivity and hydroelectric projects should be encouraging. New Delhi's emphasis on expanding ties by taking a focused approach on development projects contrasts well with the high sounding but less viable Chinese forays into infrastructure projects in Nepal. Besides, it has suited the Indian government to take a less intrusive approach to the complicated internal political dynamics of Nepal in recent years, especially after the perceptions of Indian interference in the Madhesi agitations of the last decade, led to hyper-nationalists fanning anti-India rhetoric. While the emphasis on economic ties should keep the relationship in good stead, the governments cannot just put the border issue on the back burner and expect it to be sorted out. Modalities to discuss the issue and seek a lasting solution should be a priority, going forward.

Getting railway safety back on track after Odisha

There have been innumerable television debates following the train accident involving the 12841 Shalimar-Chennai Coromandel Express, the 12864 Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express and a goods train at Bahanaga Bazar station in Balasore district, Odisha, on the evening of June 2. But the key question that many panellists have failed to address convincingly, barring the familiar platitudes, is about how the Indian Railways can work to ensure that such catastrophes are never repeated.

Sudhanshu Mani

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Possible causes

First, a recap of what happened. Broadly, the interlocking of signals and routes through a series of relays and logic gates, ensures that a train is guided by signals to a route amid a maze of railway tracks in a manner that would never cause it to encounter another train, ahead or in the rear. In this case, this interlocking was overridden by manual intervention. We also have two causes: in the first, it was most likely done by a signal maintainer who has access to the equipment hut or relay room, who may have been cutting corners to expedite his maintenance work so that the running train is not affected. Or, in the second instance, as the Indian Railways seems to believe, it is the handiwork of 'a saboteur' with criminal intention to cause an accident. The Odisha train accident is now a subject of double investigation; the first, the statutory probe by the Commissioner of Rail Safety, and the second by the Central Bureau of Investigation, which is an unprecedented move by the government. Whatever be the findings, it is not premature to examine the question that has been raised above.

In this specific case, the general public finds it quite bewildering that a callous and cavalier signal maintainer, or for that matter 'a criminal', can meddle with the system and cause havoc of this magnitude. The heart of the interlocking equipment is housed in a central relay room in the main station building and access to this room is similar to opening a bank locker; the station master and the maintainer have keys to a double lock. While tampering with equipment in this room is possible by the maintainer, in connivance or otherwise with the station master, the chances of a criminal acting this way are inconceivable. On the other hand, there are some pieces of remote equipment spread all over a railway station yard which are installed in huts and location boxes, access to which is possible only by the authorised maintainer. The possibilities of tampering are greater in such locations. Reportedly, in this case, it was the equipment in one such hut which was alleged to have been accessed and meddled with in this case. It is not out of place to mention that this system of protecting sensitive signalling equipment is not unique to India; something similar, if not less stringent, is prevalent even in advanced rail systems abroad.

> Work towards devising a safer system in the Indian Railways should begin in earnest without waiting for any inquiry report

How do you deal with a scenario in which the authorised maintainer himself (under pressure to clear a fault expeditiously or to execute in a quick manner regular maintenance so that the running of trains does not suffer) adopts shortcuts, thereby endangering the lives of thousands of passengers? Or, that there is a criminal out to cause mayhem? This is akin to a clever hacker accessing a computerised road traffic signalling system in a busy crossing and fiddling with the conflict resolution module, turning on all the lights in both directions to green and causing a massive crash of vehicles.

Strengthen access to systems

Stronger safeguards against such misadventures, whether by the custodian himself or otherwise, may be difficult to build but it is something that must be pursued with great resolve. The provision of a double lock system even for remote huts in railway stations will certainly cause great inconvenience to implement, increasing the chances of train delays but is it a great price to pay given the Odisha train accident? This is an age of mobile phones and IT applications and it should be possible to think of a system of multiple digital authorisations to access such equipment without the physical movement of staff other than the maintainers. These are the things the inquiry should look into, going beyond merely identifying the culprits. Work towards devising a safer system should actually begin in earnest without waiting for any inquiry reports.

I have come across some cases of the maintainer resorting to shortcuts, which came very close to creating an accident-like situation. If the inquiry into the Odisha train accident confirms that this was indeed a case of unsafe intrusion by a maintainer, it would be even more important to determine whether this was a one-off case in the zone or whether it was something detected in the normal course but not dealt with sternly. Even if this was done occasionally, the buck has to stop with the top management of the zone.

There is another issue – the larger question of the Indian Railways' safety record and the way forward. Let us look at accident data. Till a decade ago, fatalities caused by railway accidents used to be in the range of 500-plus people every year; but in the last four years or so, the number is now less than 50. Although the Odisha accident has left its imprint on safety statistics, it is important to accept that the general reduction in the accident rate is a result of some positive actions such as the elimination of unmanned level crossings as well as improved track renewal and maintenance.

Funds are not an issue

Therein lies a lesson. It was William Shakespeare who said, "Strong reasons make strong actions." Yes, the rail network in India is largely saturated, the number of train services has gone up exponentially, and there is a need to fill all vacancies in the safety categories. All this makes it even more imperative to focus more on upgradation of track and signalling.

The provision of Kavach, the indigenous comprehensive signalling system, could not have prevented this accident. But other aspects of safety do demand faster implementation of Kavach; this would not only enhance rail safety but also improve the sectional capacity to run more trains. While the government having its share of the limelight following the introduction of more Vande Bharat trains and creating a hype around railway station modernisation cannot be grudged, faster execution of track and signalling work is exclusive to this. There is no dearth of funds as the capex investment by the central government in the Indian Railways is at an extraordinary high. Therefore, the least one can ask for is to make the Indian Railways much safer than it is today.

Bridging the growing trust deficit in Manipur

Manipur, with over 35 communities inhabiting its valleys and hills, has a history of violence and deadly clashes. Ethnic violence has been brewing in the State for sometime as mutual suspicion between ethnic groups in the Imphal valley and the hills turned into simmering conflict between the Meiteis and the Kukis, especially after the order of the Manipur High Court on March 27, asking the State to recommend Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to Meiteis. Before this, the Manipur government had begun a drive to evict tribal villages from reserved forests, which was perceived to be an anti-tribal move, in turn leading to discontent and suspicion among the Kukis and other tribals. Hundreds of Kuki tribals have been dislodged from their traditional settlement areas without rehabilitation. The Kukis, with 10 MLAs in the 60-member Legislative Assembly, and the Kuki People's Alliance being a part of the ruling coalition under the Bharatiya Janata Party government in the State, did not make any difference.

K.V. Madhusudhanan

a former Inspector-General, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), was the chief of the North Eastern Sector of the CRPF

Community dynamics and tensions

This is not to say that the claims made by the Meiteis have no merit. They form 52% of the State's population but are restricted to 10% of the geographical area, that is the Imphal valley. While relocating from hill to valley is legal, they cannot shift and relocate themselves (most are Vaishnav Hindus) because of their non-inclusion in the ST category to the hill area – 90% of which is occupied by Nagas and Kukis. There are some Meiteis who think that their Hindu identity has brought them no political and economic benefits; on the contrary, this has become a liability as they are not treated as STs, and are deprived of the right to occupy 90% of the territory of the State.

Their grouse is not about the deprivation of jobs and political clout as they are disproportionately ahead of the hill people in these matters. The land issue is more crucial for them. It is worth recalling that the Meiteis have had a chequered history of violence and struggles before integration with India and acquiring the Hindu tag. They had sought to project a pan-Mongoloid identity, rejected the Bengali script and even tried to revive an old Meitei religion called Sanamahism. They formed several insurgent groups such as the People's Liberation Army, with bases in Bangladesh and Myanmar. They also protested against the presence of Mayangs (outsiders), which included Manipur Muslims called Pangals. Predictably, the Pangals formed the radical North East Minority Front.

> Any changes introduced in Manipur should be a natural evolution from the past, keeping in mind the sensitivities of the State's communities

While steps such as protracted military operations, peace talks and political negotiations, improved means of communication in the region, development and the granting of Statehood, almost brought about a total integration with mainstream India, it is the trust deficit propelled by the hasty implementation of the Land Act and the High Court order that has resulted in it going back to square one and the old days of the insurgency. The only difference now is that the mindless violence is between the two ethnic groups, and not against the government or agencies representing the government.

Restoring peace

Once again, the solution lies in military operations, at least till the intensity and the spread of the violence is controlled. The Indian Army, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the Border Security Force and even the Indian Air Force have been deployed. The Union Home Minister has returned to Delhi after camping in Manipur and presiding over the peace process. A former Director-General of the CRPF has been sent to Imphal as security adviser. An officer of the Tripura cadre, now serving as Inspector General, CRPF, is tipped to take over as Director-General, Manipur. Combing operations are on and relief camps are in place. The perpetrators of the violence are facing strict action. But hundreds have died and property worth crores has been destroyed. The panic continues. There are rumours that thousands of weapons which include AK-47s have been looted by Meities and Kukis have also looted weapons from the police in their area of influence. The views expressed by the Union Home Minister, the Indian Army chief and the Security Adviser that the violence is the result of ethnic clashes between two groups have not succeeded in undoing the impact of the statement of the Chief Minister 'that 40 Kuki terrorists' have been killed in operations. The Centre's stand and the presence of the Army and central forces are restoring the confidence of the Kukis.

Undo the damage

Until Independence, much of northeast India was little explored and little understood. It was perceived to be 'another world', affected by years of insurgency and violence. But, of late, while other parts of the country have seen episodes of terror and violence, it is this region that has been peaceful. Its people have discovered their essential unity with the rest of the country. And, they are beginning to realise that they have vital contributions to make to the rest of India.

The administrative and judicial interventions of the immediate past have proved to be very costly whatever be the justification. The changes should be a natural evolution from the civilisation of the past, absorbing the sensitivities of the tribals, their susceptibilities, including a propensity to resort to violence when provoked. While military and administrative steps seem to be the only and immediate options, enough care should be taken to undo the damaging steps that have created the trust deficit, which is the root cause for the turmoil now.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Law of sedition

P.D.T. Achary has lucidly explained the intricacies and implications of the law of sedition in India (Editorial page, June 8).

But the article was not complete in the sense that while it forcefully presented a case for its abolition, it did not present any suggestions on how the interests of the State are to be safeguarded in case of betrayal or rebellion or a call for secession. Without a new Act in place to provide suitable safeguards, abolition of the existing law will be akin to throwing the baby out with the bathwater, and that would not be in the public interest.

Y.V.N. Sarma,
Bengaluru

Laws such as the sedition law and the Sonthal Parganas Act, 1855 are colonial relics. These redundant and often misused laws should be scrapped to ensure the freedom of speech and allow diversity of thought and action.

Anik Nandi,
Kolkata

Urban dangers

Whether it is the lack of signage, dangerous potholes, insufficient lighting or billboards, lessons are not learnt even after lives are lost.

Billboard-related deaths are not new to India's metros. Ironically, quite a few of them have the images and blessings of our all-powerful "netas". Billboard fatalities are 100% man-made and can be avoided if there is the political and administrative will.

Avinash Godboley,
Dewas, Madhya Pradesh

Renowned anchor

In the passing of Gitanjali Aiyar, the nation has lost one of its finest news anchors, who was a pioneer in English news presentation on Doordarshan.

With her unique voice and distinctive style, Ms. Aiyar made watching news on television an absolute pleasure ("Former Doordarshan news anchor Gitanjali Aiyar passes away", June 8). In the late 1970s and 1980s, when television audiences in India were living on popular programmes such as 'Chitrahaar' and 'Krishi Darshan', the 9 p.m. primetime news was made so popular and fascinating by newsreaders such as Gitanjali Aiyar, Minu Talwar, Neethi Ravindran and Ramu Damodaran. It was also a time when watching Doordarshan news was considered necessary to improve one's English language skills.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

Ms. Aiyar represented an era when news was news and the entire family watched Doordarshan in rapt attention. The highlight of the day was the news read by a group of men and women news readers, who went on to capture the nation's imagination. Who can ever forget Gitanjali Aiyar, Minu Talwar, Neethi Ravindran, Salma Sultan, Rini Simon, Usha Albuquerque, Sheela Chaman, Manjari Joshi, Sarla Maheshwari, Tejeshwar Singh, J.B. Raman, Ramu Damodaran and Sunit Tandon. In Chennai too, we had Shobana Ravi and Sandhya who read the Tamil news on Doordarshan in style.

Priya Vishwanathan,
Bengaluru

Corrections & Clarifications

The story titled "Hectic preparations on for PM's U.S. visit" (June 7, 2023) erroneously gave the dates of visit of the U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan as *July* 13 and 14 instead of *June* 13 and 14.

In the "Data Point" feature on June 7, 2023 (Opinion page), the caption for Chart 2 should have read "number of publications in Nature Index journals" rather than "number of authors"; the data was updated until January 31 and not until April 2023.

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Do production-linked incentives for manufacturing work?

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PARLEY

In a recent note, former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Raghuram Rajan questioned the success of the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme in boosting India's domestic manufacturing and exports. The PLI scheme was introduced by the Centre in 2020. Lakhs of crores of rupees have been allocated towards subsidising companies that manufacture in India. The Centre believes that the PLI scheme has boosted the domestic manufacturing sector, but critics have questioned its success. Do PLI schemes for manufacturing work? Arun Kumar and Nagesh Kumar discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Prashanth Perumal J**. Edited excerpts:

What do you think of the policy of subsidising certain domestic sectors and, on the other hand, imposing tariffs on imports to favour domestic manufacturers?

Arun Kumar: Globally, nations are trying to capture the markets of others by exporting more than what they import. So, that is what brings us to the question of defending national markets for protecting employment and incomes in the domestic market, and there can be different strategies for doing that. Rather than protect large-scale industries, we need to boost the micro sector, which is where the bulk of the employment is, so that we can generate enough demand in the economy. But unfortunately, what is happening in India is the demand is shifting from the unorganised to the organised sector, because of the various steps that the government has taken. That has led to the further marginalisation and decline of sectors where employment generation is high. So, in a sense, what we face today is shortage of demand and economic slowdown. And that should be the number one priority to be dealt with.

Nagesh Kumar: There are core sectors – sectors that have high externalities or multipliers for other economic activity. If you begin by investing in or developing certain core sectors, it will help in propelling development at large. In the past, we had the policy of promoting such industries, like machine tools, which was considered as a core sector. In the current context, one could think about the semiconductor industry or the electric vehicles industry as a core sector which will help in fostering industrialiasation. These are the kinds of policies which are found in different countries.

Electric vehicles in Hyderabad. RAMAKRISHNA G.

How exactly do you go about subsidising certain sectors given that the process of doling out subsidies involves discretion and is prone to cronyism?

NK: Targeting is very important when you decide to incentivise certain industries. Governments typically target certain strategic sectors which have huge potential. These days, looking at the future of sustainability considerations, there's a huge emphasis on green industries. And so, this is one set of industries which will have booming demand because every country is committed to net-zero goals. The U.S. government has put on the table $720 billion to be distributed either as subsidies or incentives to companies, which will manufacture high-tech equipment such as semiconductors, green hydrogen and electric vehicles. So, there is intense competition between countries. Industrialisation and manufacturing don't happen in a vacuum in this globally integrated world. So, we need to be watchful of what other governments are doing and develop our own strategies accordingly.

Why exactly do you need a scheme that spends lakhs of crores of rupees of taxpayer money to subsidise businesses? Why can't businesses simply be left to cater to market demand without the help of subsidies?

AK: At the macro level, PLI is a freebie to the corporate sector. And it is based on the idea of supply side economics, which means that we give incentives to the private sector to produce, but this will not work when demand is short. And if demand is a problem, these policies will not deliver. As we are seeing currently, our rate of growth is tending to stagnate. As a result, even before the pandemic, our rate of growth declined quarter on quarter for eight quarters from 8% to 3.1% quarterly rate of growth. Now, to boost demand, what you need to do is reduce inequalities, so that demand for mass consumption items will give a boost to the economy as a whole. So, demand is a structural problem. And the bulk of the PLI is focused on the organised sector in which employment generation is very little because of automation. So what we need to do is create good employment data. While there are 320 million Indians who have proper employment, 270 million Indians don't. And that's why there is low demand in the economy. The other structural problem that needs to be highlighted is the inadequacy of research and development (R&D) by businesses. Imports deter local R&D. We have been facing this problem for the last 50-60 years. India invests much less than what most dynamic economies spend on R&D. Indian businesses spend less than others because investment in R&D is very risky. So the conditions that need to be created are to lower the risk of investment in R&D. But what's happening is that we repeatedly import technology rather than build internal strength. And that is what has characterised the various sectors in the economy even after 1991. These problems need to be tackled before the PLI scheme can really deliver.

> PLI is not a handout. It is a post-facto incentive given only when you have delivered the incremental output.
>
> **NAGESH KUMAR**

Don't you think the basic problem with the manufacturing sector is bureaucratic control? If so, don't we need to address that problem rather than subsidising companies?

NK: It is very clear that we need to address the structural issues. Infrastructure has to be fixed, the quality of education has to be improved at all levels, R&D investments have to be enhanced. I think one issue which Professor Arun Kumar raised is that there is a problem of demand. I think there are demand problems, but for the strategic industries that are being targeted under PLI, demand is not an issue. I want to emphasise this because we are meeting our demand, whatever it is, through imports. So, there is an existing demand which is not being catered to by local production. There are projections that by 2025 also we might be importing $400 billion of electronics every year. Why are we importing this when we can manufacture it in India? There is a ready demand waiting to be exploited for some of these industries in the country. For the rest of the industries, we need to provide a demand stimulus.

The other thing is regarding PLI being a freebie offered to companies. We need to keep in mind that the context of industrialisation has changed since 1991. Today we are talking of a globally open and integrated economy. Every investor, whether domestic or foreign, looks at whether other governments are giving bigger subsidies, and if so, investments will simply flow there. So, if we don't put in some effort towards promotion, facilitation and incentivisation of investment, we might as well forget about those investments. PLI is not a handout. It is a post-facto incentive given when you have delivered the incremental output. So, once you have delivered the incremental output, only then do these incentives come to you.

AK: PLI basically is a subsidy. And given the lack of political accountability in our system, what we find is that there's a large amount of cronyism, and the bureaucratic approach that you were referring to needs to be relaxed. Which companies and which sectors get the subsidy and which get the priority then is influenced by cronyism to a large extent in the Indian context. Further, subsidies need to be distinguished. A general subsidy is one that is necessitated by the macro situation of the economy, whereas a specific subsidy is given to sectors or to companies and are based on micro-level decisions that are taken by the government. In the case of the latter, cronyism can play an important role there, which is not necessarily an efficient thing to happen. In the case of the former, the bigger issues become employment, living conditions, etc. Subsidies often necessitate high indirect taxes. And because of high indirect taxes, costs, and prices rise; when this happens, subsidies become necessary for exports and for the poor. Therefore, these are the issues that need to be looked at before we think about what we do for industries that have the technology and the capability to supply goods in the market on their own. Now, indirect taxes tend to be regressive, so those at the bottom need to be supported by subsidies. So, what we need to do is have living wages.

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NOTEBOOK

The importance of small talk

Small talk helps journalists paint a picture of the source and build trust. Sometimes, it even provides enough material for a story

Sobhana K. Nair

Small talk can be annoying, but it is also a crucial and animating force in a reporter's life. Every day, when reporters return to the newsroom in the evening to file stories, there is at least one person whining about how a source droned on about irrelevant things. It can be tiring when we encounter, as we do every now and then, "a sophistical rhetorician inebriated by the exuberance of his own verbosity," to quote the former U.K. Prime Minister, Benjamin Disreali.

For instance, a few weeks before the Karnataka Assembly elections, a source texted me from Bengaluru. Instead of talking about the electoral battlefield, he spoke to me at length about a subject that the people of Bengaluru adore as much as the British: the weather. But I was only interested in political temperatures, and being forced to listen to someone talk about the summer was a test of my patience. Similarly, last year, when I sat down for an interview with a politician, he launched into the details about his new smart ring, about how it kept an account of his sleeping hours, heart rate, and blood pressure. For 20 minutes, I listened as he extolled the health benefits of the device. Another time, another politician spent several minutes discussing with me his love for cows and describing the sanctuary he was building at home with all the varieties of cows in India.

While trying at times, small talk and verbal meanderings are not always boring. Sometimes, they help journalists paint a picture of the source or interviewee and provide a peek into their well-screened worlds.

And it is not as if we are the ones who always have to grin and bear such talk; we are also often the initiators. It is a trick, perhaps as old as journalism itself, to ask that all-important or piercing question in the midst of these digressions, when respondents have already been lulled into comfort. But this is a sword that respondents use too. Often, a smart source, who is reluctant to divulge any information, uses small talk for the same effect – to tire the journalist out and make them believe that there is nothing important to be said or reported.

Small talk is also the tool used to build trust with a source. It is through easygoing conversation that reporters and sources connect and find common interests. When interests are shared and stories swapped, we come to empathise with each other.

The news that you read every morning, with well-structured sentences and well-thought-out headlines, does not land in a reporter's lap in that form. Not every news copy is the result of a press conference or a structured briefing. While there are glorious mornings when reporters know exactly how their day is going to pan out, the 'nothing days' are irksome and stressful. This is when we search for a needle in a haystack. When we dial every person on our phone list seeking appointments. When we sit down with a government official, a technocrat, an activist or a politician for an often aimless discussion. All in the hope that we will stumble on a thread that, when pulled, will unravel a story.

And even when that thread doesn't materialise, such conversations give a repoter enough background information to lay the edifice for a later story. It was during one such conversation several years ago, in the basement of the Parliament Library Building, that then Chief Engineer of the Central Public Works Department pulled out Herbert Baker's original drawings of the Parliament building, to show me the extent of retrofitting that the building has gone through.

And this is what then makes news: a stray comment, an idea that the source was mulling over, a tricky problem that they couldn't find a solution to, or a complaint against a competing department or colleague. And when they reveal these stories, while our hearts beat with joy, we sit straight-faced hoping they keep their guard up. The actual work then begins: the cross-checking of facts and the joining of dots.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

A jumbo and his melon-sized problem

A veterinarian gives medical treatment to 40-year-old elephant on the occasion of the World Environment Day (June 5) in Jabalpur. The elephant is suffering from a kidney infection and his health deteriorated after eating about 80 kg of watermelon. ANI

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 9, 1973

Saigon willing for joint call to end hostility

Saigon, June 8: The South Vietnamese Government indicated to-day that it was prepared to sign a joint appeal calling for a cessation of hostilities in Vietnam. "But of more importance than the appeal itself," said one source, "is the written understanding behind it that stipulates the details of measures to be taken by the four parties in application of the joint appeal." In Paris, Dr. Henry Kissinger, U.S. Presidential Adviser, conferred to-day for more than two hours with the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Michel Johart and a scheduled session with the Hanoi negotiation, Mr. Le Duc Tho was called off. The cancellation of the Kissinger-Tho negotiating session – which would have been the third in as many days – was announced by the American Embassy officials. They will meet to-morrow at an hour to be fixed later. The Saigon Government, while not a party to the negotiations, announced that it was in "close contact" with the United States with the aim of adopting a "common strategy."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 9, 1923

Kenya question

London, June 8: Mr. Percy, a delegate representing the white wage-earners of Kenya, has written to Mr. Arthur Henderson requesting for an opportunity to place before the Parliamentary Labour Party the attitude of the white workers in Kenya towards Indian immigrants. Interviewed, he said European wage-earners emphatically protested against the attitude of the South African Labour Party in supporting General Smuts' policy of voluntary repatriation of Indians from South Africa.

From Page One

RBI holds rates, vows to keep price stability

Mr. Das said the Indian economy presented a story of resilience with macro economic and financial stability. Prospects for growth were steadily improving and becoming broad-based.

He emphasised that the healthy twin balance sheets of banks and corporates also augured well for GDP growth.

"The external sector is eminently viable as reflected in the current account deficit situation, stability of the Indian rupee and buildup of forex reserves," Mr. Das asserted.

"We have made good progress in containing inflation, supporting growth and maintaining financial and external sector stability," Mr. Das observed. "Despite three years of global turmoil, India's growth has bounced back and headline CPI inflation is easing."

"This confluence of factors gives us the confidence that our policies are on the right track. Nevertheless, we need to move towards our primary target of 4% inflation," he added.

"It is always the last leg of the journey, which is the toughest. I wish to emphasise that we will do whatever is necessary to ensure that long-term inflation expectations remain firmly anchored," the RBI Governor said.

To a question on the impact of the Centre's decision to increase the minimum support price (MSP) for farm produce, RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra said: "We got the MSP data yesterday [Wednesday]. And we find that the average increase across all crops is about 7.5-8%. So, over and above our projections, part of the hike was already here, it's already built into our projections." He said the impact from the increase in MSP on food prices would be "another about 10 or 12 basis points". The government on Wednesday announced the MSP for 14 Kharif crops for FY24.

Monsoon hits Kerala after delay of 7 days

The onset of monsoon comes even as the very-severe cyclonic storm, *Biparjoy,* fomenting in the east-central Arabian Sea continued to move nearly northwards. The IMD said it would intensify and travel further north and in the next three days, gradually turn towards Yemen and Oman.

Though the IMD is yet to comment officially,, independent experts have said that the cyclone's presence may hinder the progress of the monsoon, with cyclonic winds diverting valuable moisture away from the land and into the sea.

The monsoon this year is expected to be 96% of the Long Period Average of 87 cm, or at the lowest end of what the IMD considers "normal".

'Canada is giving space to extremists'

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

S. Jaishankar

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar sharply rebuked Canada on Friday, lambasting its government for "giving space" to extremists, separatists and those who advocate violence. His remarks came after a float, "celebrating" Indira Gandhi's assassination by her Sikh bodyguards, was taken out as part of a parade in the Canadian city of Brampton.

Addressing a special briefing on the completion of nine years of the Modi government, Mr. Jaishankar appreciated the development of relationships between India and its immediate neighbours Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar over the past decade, but ruled out the normalisation of ties with Pakistan unless Islamabad stops cross-border terrorism. He added that adequate progress on Sino-India relations could not be made, as China had sought to "coerce" India.

He had sharp words for the Canadian government regarding the parade held in Brampton to commemorate the tragic anniversary of Operation Bluestar on June 5. One of the floats "celebrated" the assassination of Indira Gandhi, depicting an effigy of the then Prime Minister being shot dead by her bodyguards.

Mr. Jaishankar said the Canadian government should learn from the history of Canada, and alleged that Ottawa has given space to Khalistani separatists because of "vote bank politics". "I think it is not about one incident, howsoever egregious it may be. I think there is a larger underlying issue about the space that is given to separatists, extremists and to people who advocate violence," he said.

The float had drawn condemnation from several quarters, including from Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, who urged Mr. Jaishankar to raise the matter with Canada's High Commissioner.

Responding to the Canadian National Security Adviser who had described India as one of the "top sources of foreign interference in Canada", Mr. Jaishankar said emphatically that if there was anyone who had a complaint, it was India. "We have a complaint about Canada," he added. He defended the withdrawal of special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 as a necessary measure, saying that it had become a "vulnerability" for India as the "world took advantage" of the provision. Removal of special status was, therefore, a domestic measure aimed at "remedying" the situation, he said.

'WHY IS MODI MUM?'
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CBI to probe if violence in Manipur was pre-planned

State selects six cases for CBI to investigate, out of 3,734 FIRs; Home Minister Amit Shah asks Naga MLAs to help bridge Meitei-Kuki divide; MHA approves ₹101.75 cr. for those displaced in violence

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Vigilance up: Security personnel conducting a joint combing operation in a sensitive area in Manipur. ANI

The Manipur government on Thursday recommended six cases to the Centre for an investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The list includes a common conspiracy case to investigate whether the ethnic violence was pre-planned.

As on June 3, as many as 3,734 first information reports (FIR) were registered in Manipur. The ethnic violence between the Kuki and Meitei communities has claimed more than 100 lives since May 3. The largest number of cases – 1,257 – was registered in Imphal West district, followed by Kangpokpi (932) and Bishnupur (844), according to information provided by the Chief Minister's Office.

A senior government official said that the Union Home Ministry had written to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) seeking a CBI inquiry. "The department has forwarded the request to the CBI and the agency will be notifying the cases soon," said the official.

A Naga bridge

On Wednesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah met 10 Naga legislators from Manipur. It was decided that they would act as a bridge between the Kuki and Meitei communities who have been embroiled in ethnic violence.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, one of the Naga legislators said: "In the meeting with the Home Minister, several measures for peace and normalcy were discussed. Naga MLAs were told to act as a bridge between the Kuki and Meiteis and help bring peace to the State."

The Manipur Assembly has 60 seats, with 40 MLAs from the Meitei community, 10 from the Kuki tribes and 10 from the Naga communities. While the Kukis – including those from the BJP – have demanded a separate administration, the Nagas have distanced themselves from their demand. The six hill districts where no curfew has been imposed are mostly Naga-dominated areas.

Peace for 48 hours

Kuldiep Singh, security adviser to the Manipur government, said on Thursday that the situation in Manipur had remained peaceful and under control, with no violence reported in the past 48 hours. He said 28 more arms had been recovered since Wednesday. Further, joint teams of State and Central forces have intensified combing operations.

The Home Ministry sanctioned a rehabilitation package of ₹101.75 crore for the violence-hit State.

More Muslim castes on Bengal OBC list, says NCBC chief

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Many 'illegal immigrants" and Rohingya people getting quota benefits, he alleges

Following allegations that undocumented immigrants from Bangladesh and Rohingya from Myanmar were being granted reservation in West Bengal, the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) has launched an investigation into the State's Other Backward Classes (OBC) list, panel chairperson Hansraj Gangaram Ahir said on Thursday.

At a press conference in New Delhi, he said, "When we visited the State in February, we took up the matter and questioned how there were more Muslim OBC castes than Hindu OBC castes in the State, when the absolute population of Hindus in the State is clearly higher. They did not have satisfactory replies."

As per the State government's OBC list, 103 out of the total 180 communities are categorised as Muslim communities – most of them placed in the Category A list. He went on to say that the panel had sought detailed clarifications from the State government. "First, they told us orally that these Muslim communities were Hindus before and had eventually converted. But when we came back to Delhi, they sent a written reply saying there was no proof that all these communities had converted from Hinduism."

"These issues should not be seen as the OBC Commission taking a stand against Muslims. I am aware that there are many Muslim communities entitled to reservation and they should not be deprived of their benefits either," he said. But this is about the State government allowing reservation to be taken up by those not entitled to it "in order to appease some communities", he said.

West Bengal panchayat polls to be held on July 8

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The panchayat elections in West Bengal will be held in a single phase on July 8, State Election Commissioner Rajiva Sinha said on Thursday. The election will be held for three-tier panchayats across 20 districts and two-tier panchayats in hill districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong.

The election will be held to 63,329 gram panchayat seats in 3,317 gram panchayats; 9,730 panchayat samiti seats; and 928 zilla parishad seats.

The total number of electors in the State stands at about 5.67 crore.

Man accused of dismembering live-in partner sent to police custody

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Police personnel take Manoj Sane into custody at his residence in Mira Road locality, in Thane. PTI

A 56-year-old man accused of killing his 32-year-old live-in partner, chopping up her remains and boiling them in a pressure cooker at Mira Road in Thane was on Thursday sent to police custody till June 16.

Manoj Sane, 56, was arrested on Wednesday for allegedly killing his live-in partner, Saraswati Vaidya, 36. They lived in an apartment on the seventh floor of a residential building at Geeta Nagar.

The police got to know about the crime after the neighbours complained of odour from the apartment. Neighbours told the police that Mr. Sane had been feeding stray dogs for the past few days, something he had never done before.

A police official said, "Manoj chopped Saraswati's body into 20 pieces, boiled them and put them into plastic bags."

Preliminary findings

The two first met in 2014 at a ration shop owned by Mr. Sane. The couple arrived at the flat three years ago and would not speak to neighbours, sources said. There was no nameplate on their door and a police officer said there was not much furniture. They were staying in Borivali earlier.

Mr. Sane was arrested under Sections 302 (murder) and 201 (destruction of evidence) of the Indian Penal Code.

Citing their preliminary probe, a senior police official said Mr. Sane most likely killed Vaidya on June 4 and was trying to dispose of the body parts. "Sane is trying to mislead the police by claiming that Saraswati committed suicide, but the truth will be out after thorough interrogation," he said.

(With inputs from PTI)

Modi thanks Saudi Crown Prince for support

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday spoke with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and thanked him for his country's "excellent support" during the evacuation of Indians from Sudan in April, while also conveying best wishes for the upcoming Haj pilgrimage, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

During the call, the leaders reviewed a number of issues of bilateral cooperation and exchanged views on various multilateral and global issues.

OpenAI's Sam Altman meets Modi, discusses global regulation of AI

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sam Altman

Sam Altman, chief executive officer of OpenAI, the firm best known for its ChatGPT, the AI-enabled chatbot product, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday.

The discussion included "the need to think about global regulation to make sure we prevent some of the downsides [of AI] from happening", Mr. Altman told an audience at the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi. He reiterated the themes that he had been discussing throughout his packed week-long international tour, with previous engagements in Israel and the UAE.

"It really is amazing to watch what is happening in India, with the embrace of AI," he said.

"I used to work at [start-up incubator] YCombinator, and we were always amazed and quite grateful to the quality of Indian start-ups."

Walking a tightrope between being at the forefront of advocating for limits on AI while also heading a firm that runs the most popular AI application of the day, Mr. Altman has pushed lawmakers in the U.S. and elsewhere on regulating AI but urged them not to let the regulation be limiting.

"As it [AI] gets more powerful, we will need some guardrails on it," he said. "But I worry about over regulating and stopping what is an incredible, incredible Cambrian explosion of talent and creativity," he said.

36 held for Kolhapur unrest as city limps back to normalcy

Shoumojit Banerjee
PUNE

The Kolhapur police have arrested 36 persons, including a few minors, in connection with the unrest in Kolhapur city over social media messages reportedly glorifying Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb and 18th century Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan.

The city slowly returned to normal on Thursday.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Mahendra Pandit shared that three police stations had registered a case each following the violence which erupted on Wednesday after several members of right-wing groups gathered at the city's Shivaji Chowk in protest against the social media messages.

"We have booked 400 people in the three first information reports registered in connection with Wednesday's violence. So far, 36 individuals have been arrested for vandalism and rioting. A fourth FIR had been registered on Tuesday over the WhatsApp statuses, which carried an image of Tipu Sultan and Aurangzeb along with offensive audio messages that triggered the subsequent protests and violence. Five juveniles have been detained in this context. We are also probing their mobile phones," Mr. Pandit said.

ED issues summons to Abhishek

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The ED on Thursday issued a notice to Trinamool Congress's Abhishek Banerjee to appear before it on June 13 for questioning in the West Bengal school job scam, hours after it questioned his wife Rujira Banerjee in connection with the coal pilferage scam.

Education Plus webinar on studying abroad tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A webinar on studying abroad titled "Find Fly Flourish: Discovering your dream college", presented by Harvest Abroad Studies Pvt. Ltd., in collaboration with *The Hindu* Education Plus, will be held on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Avinash Chacko, director, Lida and recruitment head (U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand), and Melba, senior student counsellor (the U.K. and Europe) from Harvest Abroad Studies will speak.

The discussion will be moderated by career guidance expert Rajoo Krishnan.

To register for the webinar, visit https://bit.ly/3OVGN2I or scan the QR code given.

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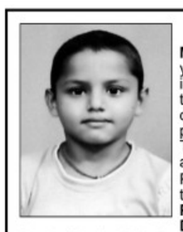

Master Ankit Kumar, son of Pawan Yadav, 8 years admitted in Christian Medical College, is suffering from Thalassemia Major. This is a type of life threatening blood disorder. The best option for him would be to undergo allogeneic peripheral blood stem cell transplant (PBSCT). The estimated cost of PBSCT at this hospital is approximately **Rs. 15,00,000**/-.
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MSP hike remains on paper, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday said the Narendra Modi government merely announced minimum support price (MSP) for farmers but never procured their produce at those rates.

Addressing a press conference a day after the MSP for kharif crops for 2023-24 was announced, party general secretary Randeep Surjewala said the government had turned the MSP into "maximum suffering of the producer".

Mr. Surjewala said the MSP was not only far less than what the farmers should ideally get but the government made very limited purchases even on this meagre price.

In the past four years, the Modi government did not spend around ₹80,000 crore from the budget of the Agriculture Ministry and the names of two crore farmers were removed from the list of Kisan Samman Nidhi beneficiaries, he alleged.

'Why is Modi mum on parade hailing former PM's killing?'

Congress says PM Modi should speak to his Canadian counterpart and convey to him that such acts are unacceptable to India; party asks Jaishankar to back up statement with decisive action

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Strong protest: Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala with Vineet Punia at the party headquarters in Delhi on Thursday. ANI

Questioning why External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar did not unequivocally condemn the parade in Canada that glorified the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and summon the Canadian High Commissioner, the Congress on Thursday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should speak to his Canadian counterpart, Justin Trudeau, and convey that such acts were "unacceptable" to India.

Asked to respond at a press conference earlier, Mr. Jaishankar said, "I think there is a larger underlying issue about the space which is given to separatists, to extremists, to people who advocate violence... I think it is not good for relationships, not good for Canada."

Stating that Indira Gandhi was one of the tallest leaders who laid down her life for the sovereignty of India, Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal said Mr. Modi, Mr. Jaishankar and the Indian High Commission in Canada must take firm steps to convey the anger of 140 crore Indians.

'Disgusting event'

"The disgusting event of Brampton, Canada, compels PM Modi to rise above partisan interests and speak against such events being allowed. Why has EAM S. Jaishankar not summoned the Canadian High Commissioner yet? In his briefing today, S. Jaishankar gave a general statement, instead of specifically acknowledging Indira*ji*'s martyrdom. Why did he prevaricate, and not unequivocally condemn the event?" Mr. Venugopal said.

Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala said the External Affairs Minister's statement on the incident needed to be backed up by decisive action on the ground. The issue was first raised by Congress leader and former Union Minister Milind Deora as he shared the video of the recent parade in Brampton that depicted the assassination.

"As an Indian, I am appalled by the five-km-long parade which took place in the city of Brampton, Canada, depicting the assassination of Indira Gandhi. It's not about taking sides, it's about respect for a nation's history and the pain caused by its Prime Minister's assassination," Mr. Deora tweeted.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh tweeted that the incident was despicable and Mr. Jaishankar should take it up strongly with the Canadian authorities.

Earlier, Canadian High Commissioner to India Cameron Mackay said he was "appalled" by the reports of the event that was held in his country.

Filed 'false' plaint against WFI chief out of anger; family is living in fear: minor's father

Samridhi Tewari
NEW DELHI

With the wrestlers suspending their agitation, father of a minor wrestler has said he had deliberately filed "a false case against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh out of anger".

However, he told *The Hindu* on Thursday that he was threatened by people whose names he could not reveal and that "his family is living in intense fear".

Based on his complaint, an FIR was filed against Mr. Singh on April 28 at the Connaught Place police station under Sections 354, 354(A), 354(D) and 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 10 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The minor's father, in the FIR, narrated in detail several instances when his daughter was allegedly sexually harassed by the WFI chief. He claimed that Mr. Singh had "touched her inappropriately" and asked her to "support him, if she needed his support".

> I changed my statement not because of greed but because I was scared...
> **MINOR'S FATHER**

He alleged that Mr. Singh had discriminated against his daughter. "To my utter shock, my daughter was hugely discriminated against," he said in the FIR.

However, after multiple reports claimed that the girl had withdrawn the complaint, he told *The Hindu* that they recorded a fresh statement denying any incident of sexual harassment. However, he said they had not withdrawn the complaint that Mr. Singh had discriminated against his daughter.

He said, "We have not taken back any complaint, we have just recorded another statement before the magistrate on June 5, where we have alleged that he discriminated against her when it came to wrestling, and he did not sexually harass her."

Asked why he filed the false case, the girl's father said "he was fuelled by anger against him because his daughter lost in last year's trial match". "I had to sell my house to train my daughter. We only had three options: to get her married, educated or get her into sports. Now, we don't know what her future will be."

However, he revealed he was living in fear and was threatened. "I changed my statement in court not because of greed but because I was scared... scared for my family, daughter and myself. Many lives have changed since we raised the allegations. I have to face society and people, I was threatened by people, whose names I can't reveal, my family is living in intense fear. If anything happens to me or my daughter, how will we live?" he told *The Hindu*.

BJP looks to stitch together new alliances ahead of Lok Sabha polls

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Even while celebrating nine years of the Narendra Modi government, the BJP is attempting to recalibrate its electoral strategy in various States, ahead of the Assembly elections in five States by 2023-end and the Lok Sabha election early next year.

A meeting Home Minister Amit Shah had with Telegu Desam Party (TDP) chief N. Chandrababu Naidu has set off speculation over the return of the Andhra Pradesh party to the National Democratic Alliance, after having parted ways in 2019.

According to sources, Mr. Naidu is keen on forging an alliance with the BJP in Andhra Pradesh, where he feels that Mr. Modi's popularity and the BJP's ally, the Jana Sena Party, led by Pawan Kalyan, could help him regain power.

The relationship between the BJP government at the Centre and the Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy government in Andhra Pradesh is an important consideration in all this; hence, the BJP is not so keen on an alliance with the TDP in Andhra Pradesh. The YSR Congress Party has been a dependable partner in floor coordination in Parliament for the BJP, providing crucial support to pass important legislation. Therefore, the BJP has, in principle, decided to explore an alliance with the TDP, but will be mindful of the concern of its other, unspoken ally in Andhra Pradesh.

For the BJP, the crisis is more acute in Telangana, with the party not just battling factionalism within but also facing the fact that it may not have enough candidates to field for all 119 seats in the Assembly. With the Congress emerging victorious in Karnataka, defections from that party to the BJP are also not going to be of the required calibre and strength.

There is also buzz that the Janata Dal(S), having suffered a rout in Karnataka, may approach the BJP for an alliance, for the very simple reason that it requires protection to prevent the poaching of its ranks by a resurgent Karnataka Congress. For the JD(S), this is a short-term tactic for survival, rather than a long-term strategy. While a BJP-JD(S) alliance will lead to a consolidation of minority votes for the Congress in the Lok Sabha polls, the BJP may gain some traction in the Vokkaliga vote, a long-term aim to transcend the tag of just being a Lingayat party.

Sources told *The Hindu* that the JD(S) is asking that four Lok Sabha seats – in Hassan, Mandya, Bangalore (Rural) and Chikkaballarpur – be kept aside for the party, while the BJP is mulling over the entire move.

In Bihar too, the BJP is awaiting some defections from those who are not too comfortable with the Janata Dal(U) ceding space to the Rashtriya Janata Dal. BJP leaders say that a national role for Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will propel his deputy, Tejashwi Yadav, to the CM's chair in Bihar and trigger the decline of the JD(U). "In such a scenario, we must keep our options and doors open for leaders from the JD(U)," said a senior BJP office-bearer.

Nitish Kumar will stop Modi *rath* :Tejashwi

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav on Thursday said Opposition parties led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will stop the *rath* (chariot) of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2024, just like how his father, Lalu Prasad, had stopped the chariot of Lal Krishna Advani in 1990.

BJP MPs slam Rahul, cite ill-treatment of Maneka, Varun

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Three BJP MPs on Thursday attacked Rahul Gandhi, saying that the Congress's history gave lie to his pitch of "*mohabbat ki dukan*" (shop of love). They mentioned instances of communal riots and ill-treatment of Gandhi family members Maneka and Varun Gandhi to make their point.

Lok Sabha members Poonam Mahajan, Parvesh Sahib Singh and Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, in a letter, wondered if he was running "*mohabbat ki dukan ya nafrat ka mega mall*" (shop of love or mega mall of hate). They claimed that the maximum number of riots happened under Congress governments, and highlighted the alleged mistreatment of many Congress leaders by the Nehru-Gandhi family and the "inhumane" treatment meted out to some relatives by the family.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD, DIVISION BHILWARA
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Telangana Foods invites e-Tenders for procurement of 5500 MTs of S-30 Grade Sugar, 2400 MTs of RBD-RPO and 5500 MTs of Bengalgram Dall (AGMARK). For details please visit website: https://tender.eprocurement.gov.in and website: https://tfoods.telangana.gov.in
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Notice No.07/2023
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Sl.No	e-Auctionconducted by	Date of auction for the month of July'23			Material for auction
1	GSD/PER	04/07/2023	12/07/2023	20/07/2023	The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue in www.ireps.gov.in Website
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3	SSD/PTJ	06/07/2023	14/07/2023	24/07/2023	
4	MAS Division	03/07/2023	11/07/2023	19/07/2023	
5	SA Division	03/07/2023	11/07/2023	19/07/2023	
6	TVC Division	05/07/2023	13/07/2023	21/07/2023	
7	PGT Division	05/07/2023	13/07/2023	21/07/2023	
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Date & Time of Opening of Tender Documents	30.06.2023 (4.00 PM)

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INBRIEF

DRDO successfully tests ballistic missile 'Agni Prime'

The new generation ballistic missile 'Agni Prime' was successfully flight-tested by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha on Wednesday night. "This was the first pre-induction night launch conducted by the users after three successful developmental trials of the missile, validating the accuracy and reliability of the system. Range Instrumentation like Radar, Telemetry and Electro Optical Tracking Systems were deployed at different locations, including two down-range ships, at the terminal point to capture flight data covering the entire trajectory of the vehicle," a Defence Ministry statement said.

Bharat Biotech recalls typhoid vaccine due to low quality

Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech on Thursday confirmed that it had recalled a batch of its typhoid vaccine after it was flagged by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) as "not of standard quality". CDSCO officials found that a batch manufactured in Hyderabad did not comply with the standard specification of the drug controller. While the company said that there were no reports of adverse events due to the batch, it added that a recall had been initiated. "Bharat Biotech has initiated a recall of TYPBAR batch 54A22001A and communicated it to the distribution chain," a Bharat Biotech statement said.

'Soul of Steel' Himalayan challenge enters final phase

The 'Soul of Steel' challenge launched in the forward areas of Garhwal Himalayan region in Joshimath, Uttarakhand, by a group of special forces veterans, under CLAW Global, in partnership with the Army to test an individual's high-altitude endurance has entered the final phase of training. "Soul of Steel Himalayan challenge was flagged off from Auli. The three-month-long skill and endurance challenge will culminate on June 18," the Army said on its twitter account. It was flagged off by Brigadier Aman Anand, Commander of 9 (Independent) Mountain Brigade.

Air India jet lands in U.S. from Russia with stranded flyers

An Air India flight landed safely in San Francisco on Thursday carrying 216 passengers and 16 crew members from Magadan in Russia where they were stranded for two days after the original aircraft had to be diverted following a mid-air engine glitch. The airline apologised to the customers for the "extended delay", regretted the disruption and inconvenience caused to them and also announced a full refund of their ticket price along with a voucher for future travel on Air India. Air India's non-stop flight AI-173 to San Francisco took off from Delhi on June 6 at 4.23 a.m. and was scheduled to land in San Francisco the next day at 7.30 p.m. IST. However, one of the engines suffered a glitch mid-air.

Not clear if sceptre was presented to Mountbatten, says the head of math in T.N.

'What was the use in giving the *Sengol* to Lord Mountbatten? He was after all leaving India by handing all powers,' says the Adheenam of the Thiruvavaduthurai Math in Mayiladuthurai district

C. Jaisankar
MAYILADUTHURAI

There is no clear information that the *Sengol* (sceptre), which was installed in the new Parliament building on May 28, was presented to Lord Mountbatten, the last Viceroy of India, before it was handed over to Jawaharlal Nehru on the eve of India's Independence, the head of the Thiruvavaduthurai Adheenam in Mayiladuthurai district of Tamil Nadu said on Thursday.

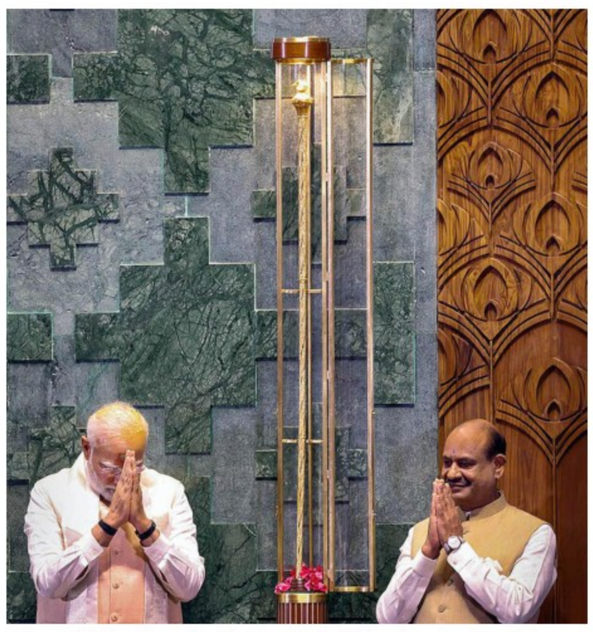
In an interview with *The Hindu*, Sri La Sri Ambalavana Desika Paramacharya Swamigal, the 24th head of the Thiruvavaduthurai Adheenam, said: "There is no clear information on it. I hear a short film was released in connection with that event. Some say the *Sengol* was given to Lord Mountbatten. The people who belonged to that period also say the same thing."

His response was to a pointed question on whether the Adheenam had evidence that the *Sengol* was given to Mountbatten before presenting it to Nehru on August 14, 1947.

Documentary evidence

Asked if there was documentary evidence to prove that the *Sengol* was presented only to Nehru and not to Mountbatten, the Swamigal asked, "What was the use in giving the *Sengol* to Lord Mountbatten? He was after all leaving India by handing all powers. It was Mr. Nehru who mattered the most on that day." The Government of India, in May, claimed that the Adheenam had presented a golden sceptre to signify "transfer of power" from Britain to India. Annexure IV presented in a docket shared by the Union government had contained a Tamil transcript on the "Significance of the *Sengol*" presented by the Thiruvavaduthurai Adheenam. This transcript, without any source attribution, claimed the sceptre was presented by a delegation deputed by the Adheenam to Mountbatten. It was later purified by sprinkling water from the Ganga and then handed over to Nehru.

On May 26, when *The Hindu* had asked a representative of the Adheenam about this transcript, he said this was published in special souvenirs in 1947 and 1950 brought out by the Adheenam and was available in its records.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla after installing the *Sengol* inside the new Parliament building. PTI

Souvenirs not found

However, on Thursday, when asked about these two souvenirs, Sri La Sri Ambalavana Desika Paramacharya Swamigal said, "We could not locate the souvenirs. We do not know where they are. Seventy-five years have passed since the *Sengol* was presented to Mr. Nehru. No one has taken efforts to have a relook at history. After hoisting the National Flag in 2022, we initiated steps to re-enact the historic event of presenting *Sengol*. We also released a souvenir recently. There were not many photographs in those days and pictures were rare. However, we are searching for them...We are on it. There is said to be an inscription about it in Delhi. It is also on YouTube."

When told it appeared there is no evidence on the claim that the sceptre was regarded as a symbol of "transfer of power", he agreed and said, "Yes. We did not see when our country got Independence. We [the math] gave the sceptre in 1947. Several years have passed since then. We come across the handing over of sceptre through the history. It should have been mentioned in the textbooks. But it was not part of the textbooks. It is the main reason for the confusion. If it was mentioned in the textbooks the important event could have been known to all."

He said the Adheenam has documents and photos to prove the sceptre was given to Nehru, a point that is not under dispute.

According to him, many were not aware of the *Sengol* having been presented to Nehru.

"We then wrote about it to Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. When Mr. Ravi visited the math recently, he enquired about the handing over of the sceptre. We recently released a book on 'Thurasai Sceptre in India's Independence' through SASTRA University. We feel great that the sceptre was installed near the Speaker's chair in the new Parliament building in the presence of heads of all Saivaite maths of Tamil Nadu after performing pujas and rituals of all faiths."

Bookie, daughter blackmailed Amruta, say police

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Amruta Fadnavis

A cricket bookie, Anil Jaisinghani (56), and his daughter Aniksha Jaisinghani (24), tried to bribe Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's wife Amruta Fadnavis to clear the bookie's name in several criminal cases, and when Ms. Fadnavis turned down the offer, the duo blackmailed her and demanded ₹10 crore, according to a chargesheet filed by the Malabar Hill police in Mumbai.

"Anil, through his daughter, offered a bribe of ₹1 crore to get a clean chit, but when she refused their offer, they blackmailed and threatened Ms. Fadnavis. They said they would make her voice notes and some video clips public with the help of some politicians unless she paid ₹10 crore," the chargesheet, which was filed in a local court last month, read.

On February 20, Ms. Fadnavis, a banker, lodged a complaint with the Malabar Hill police accusing the Jaisinghanis of threatening and blackmailing her. Based on her complaint, a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act was registered against the pair and a probe was launched. During the investigation, the police advised Ms. Fadnavis to stay in touch with Anil so that his location could be traced. He had been on the run for nearly eight years with cases registered against him in Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Goa and other States.

"Ms. Fadnavis offered to help Mr. Jaisinghani resolve the cases against him and spoke about her strained relationship with Mr. Fadnavis, and other issues to keep the conversation alive to help police nab the accused," the 793-page document said.

This entire conversation, involving Ms. Fadnavis with the accused, was part of a strategy to locate the absconding accused. The chargesheet includes screenshots of their WhatsApp chats.

One of the WhatsApp messages sent by Mr. Jaisinghani to Ms. Fadnavis stated, "Last Shivratri, you had sought to bring down the MVA government and trap Eknath Shinde and Anil Parab. I have all the recordings and proof, don't worry - Happy Shivratri."

Mr. Jaisinghani also claimed that his daughter gave Ms. Fadnavis cash in dollars, and he allegedly had a video recording of it. "There is no video of Ms. Fadnavis accepting dollars. They just recorded a dollars video and later Ms. Fadnavis's video. Both videos were shot separately," the chargesheet said.

Aniksha, met Ms. Fadnavis in November 2021, by claiming to be a designer who made clothes, footwear, and bags. The duo was arrested on March 16, and Ms. Jaisinghani was granted bail on March 27.

According to the chargesheet, Ms. Fadnavis cooperated fully with the investigation and followed instructions by the police to assist in locating the accused.

National Exit Test to start from 2024, says Health Ministry

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Ending months of speculation, the Union Health Ministry on Thursday announced that the National Exit Test (NExT) will be held from 2024. NExT will replace the final-year MBBS examination and the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Postgraduate (NEET-PG), acting as the test for registration for doctors and admission to medical postgraduate courses.

Sources said the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, was likely to conduct the exam, which will test clinical and practical learning of the students.

Meanwhile, the Ministry announced that 50 new medical colleges have been added to the national list, taking the number of undergraduate medical seats to over one lakh. It also noted that recognition (UG-level) of 38 medical colleges has been withheld, 102 have been issued showcause notice and 24 have appealed to the National Medical Commission (NMC) and six to the Ministry. It added that existing students will not suffer due to the regulatory process.

AIIMS Delhi is likely to conduct the NExT exam from next year, which will test the clinical and practical learning of students. FILE PHOTO

"This is a routine process that is conducted by the NMC which is the apex medical regulator to ensure that these teaching institutes have no deficiencies. The issues for which colleges are facing flak from the regulators include staff shortage, shortage of doctors, patients not being available to students, staff not marking attendance on biometric system, etc.," said a senior official.

He added that these numbers are dynamic and depend on the appeals taken up over the next two months.

The issue came to light after one of the oldest government medical institutions in India – Stanley Medical College in Chennai – and a couple of others from Tamil Nadu lost their recognition. However, the decision was soon reversed.

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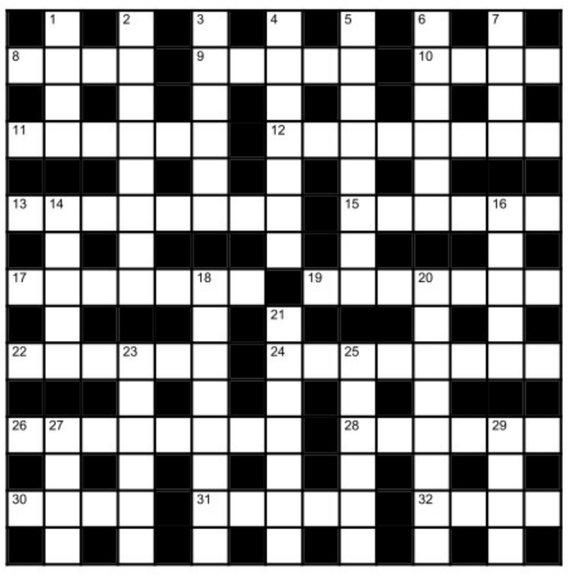

Across

8 Strangelove's animal (4)
9/15 Perhaps, Dublin crossword maker's kind of dog (5,6)
10 Festive day kiss at Chennai Central (4)
11 Therefore, African country produces African national (6)
12 Flying tit stole weapon (8)
13 Rich dwell too extraordinarily (4-2-2)
15 See 9
17 Five score a century (7)
19 Gulp down bird (7)
22 After 4, PM's present in battle exercise (6)
24 State: "Longing within ship rises" (8)
26 Animal returning to broken pots and part of organ (4,4)
28 Tavern in Germany displays half of a match, perhaps (6)
30 Large embrace with a hint of eroticism (4)
31 I love mixed fruit (5)
32 Michelangelo's style (4)

Down

1 Hence, look at Star Wars character (4)
2 Indeed, liar's confused! Lost track? (8)
3 Top class child's love for martial art (6)
4 Wartime PM's victory over unhappy Gladstone is endless (7)
5 Husband in custody of biblical murderer observed instrument that may be used for decapitation (8)
6 Once saucy specialist (6)
7 Throw covering supporting fractured bone (4)
14 Alien consumes injured cur producing belch (5)
16 Eastern flower having uneven edges (5)
18 Kind of seat that can make a pilot go higher than his plane can be made using 1 jet cone (8)
20 Sound boxes made from animals cover a rooftop (8)
21 Question relative producing squash (7)
23 Fault in stocking climbing equipment (6)
25 Lord consumes egg at beginning of evening party (6)
27 Birds preserved in Louvre museum (4)
29 North Eastern Arkansas? Close! (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Signs of a true devotee

Lord Vishnu is considered to be the supreme most of all the celestials. Sri Adhi Sankara says that Lord Siva alone can explain better about Rama, the manifestation of Lord Vishnu. Lord Siva tells His divine consort Parvathi, the easiest way in place of chanting the thousand namas of Lord Vishnu is to chant "Rama Nama". The messengers of God of Death will be afraid of approaching the devotees of Vishnu. One of the 12 azhwars says God of Death will not dare to come near the people who bear the names of Lord Vishnu. Sri Parasara Maharshi says in Vishnu Purana that Lord Narayana is praised by all Vedas and He is the reason for creation, protection and destruction. "*Vishnu Namaacha Vedeshu*". Lord Krishna Himself says that those who worship Him will not be disturbed by the dreadful Kalipurusha. It does not require any condition to be a devotee of Lord Vishnu. Even Asuras and Rakshasas can become. Prahladha born in an Asura race and Vibhishana born in a Rakshasa clan are the best examples.

The signs of a true devotee are to be dutiful, to remain free from lustful desires and to have steadfastness. Lord Krishna says in the Bhagavad Gita, "your duty is but to act, never to be concerned with results – let not the fruit of action be your motive" (*Karmanyevadhi Karasthe*).

Duties are classified into five types. 1. Duty towards God in the form of performing poojas. 2. Duty to praise the qualities of God and to identify our defects and deficiencies. 3. Duty towards bhagavathas (the devotees of God): not to incur their sins. 4. Duty towards Gurus and Acharyas and 5. Duty towards society, said Velukudi Sri Krishnan swamy in a discourse.

NEW YORK

Canada wildfires shroud New York in apocalyptic haze and smog

AP

Smoke from Canadian wildfires shrouded New York in an apocalyptic smog on Wednesday as cities along the U.S. East Coast issued air pollution warnings. The devastating fires have displaced more than 20,000 people in Canada. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau described this wildfire season as the country's worst ever. AFP

WASHINGTON

El Nino arrives, raising extreme weather fears across the world

AP

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on Thursday said that an El Nino climate phenomenon has arrived which can lead to new temperature records around the world. "Depending on its strength, El Nino can cause a range of impacts, such as increasing the risk of heavy rainfall and droughts." AFP

KABUL

11 killed in bombing at Taliban official's memorial ceremony

AFP

A bomb ripped through the memorial service of Mawlavi Nisar Ahmad Ahmadi, the former deputy governor of Afghanistan's Badakhshan at Nabawi mosque on Thursday, killing at least 11 people and injuring over 30. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. AP

RAMALLAH

Israeli troops demolish home of suspected Palestinian bomber

AP

Israeli troops on Thursday demolished the West Bank home of Aslam Faroukh (in the banner), a Palestinian accused of carrying out twin bombings in Jerusalem last November, after the court rejected an appeal against the same. According to the Army, he is alleged to have acted alone, identifying with the Islamic State group. AFP

4 toddlers gravely injured in French Alps knife attack

The children, youngest aged 22 months and the oldest three years, suffer life-threatening injuries; a suspect, identified by police as a 31-year-old Syrian refugee, was detained; motives unknown

Associated Press
PARIS

As bystanders screamed for help, a man with a knife stabbed four young children at a lakeside park in the French Alps on Thursday, assaulting at least one in a stroller repeatedly. The children between 22 months and three years old suffered life-threatening injuries, and two adults also were wounded, authorities said.

A suspect, identified by the police as a 31-year-old Syrian, was detained in connection with the horrific attack in the Alpine and lakeside town of Annecy. French Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne said he had refugee status in Sweden.

A prosecutor leading the investigation said the man's motives were unknown, but did not appear to be terrorism-related.

The helplessness of the young victims and the savagery of the attack sickened France.

Violent assault: Security forces gathering in a playground at the scene of a knife attack in Annecy, French Alps, on Thursday. AP

Footage out

Video appearing to show the attack in and around a children's play park was posted on social media. The footage showed a man in dark glasses and with a blue scarf covering his head brandishing a knife, as people screamed for help.

He slashed at a man carrying rucksacks who tried to approach him. Inside the enclosed play park, a panicked woman frantically pushed a stroller as the attacker approached, yelling and ramming the stroller into the barriers around the site in her terror.

She tried to fend off the attacker but could not keep him from leaning over the stroller and stabbing downward repeatedly.

Afterwards, the man strolled almost casually out of the park, letting himself out through a gate, with the man carrying two rucksacks still chasing after him.

'Nation in shock'

French President Emmanuel Macron described the assault as an "attack of absolute cowardice." Of the victims, he said "children and an adult are between life and death."

"The nation is in shock," Macron tweeted.

A witness who spoke to French broadcaster *BFMTV* said he saw the attacker jumping on an elderly man, and stabbing him repeatedly. The witness said he yelled at police to act.

In Paris, lawmakers interrupted a debate to hold a moment of silence for the victims. The Assembly President, Yaël Braun-Pivet, said: "There are some very young children who are in critical condition, and I invite you to respect a minute of silence for them."

Heavy shelling hits flooded Kherson region

Agence France-Presse
KHERSON

Ukraine and Russia accused each other of shelling rescuers and evacuees in the flood-hit Kherson region on Thursday as Moscow said its forces fought off a Ukrainian offensive in another part of the front line. The destruction of a major Russian-held dam on the river on Tuesday unleashed a torrent of water that has left 600 square kilometres of the region under water.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky visited the area on Thursday.

Shortly after, Kyiv said Russian strikes in Kherson and the surrounding region killed one person and injured 18 more, including emergency services staff.

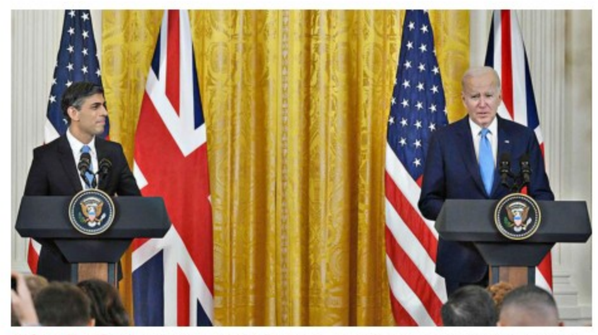
U.S., U.K. forge 'Atlantic Declaration' to boost ties

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

The United States and Britain on Thursday announced a new strategic pact as their leaders rededicated the "special relationship" to counter Russia, China and economic instability.

In a White House summit, U.S. President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Rishi Sunak discussed Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the lightning-fast evolution of artificial intelligence.

But Mr. Sunak came away empty-handed on Britain's ambitions for a post-Brexit free-trade agreement with Washington, settling instead to tack along with Mr. Biden's plan to craft a new green economy through vast industrial subsidies. An "Atlantic Declaration" adopted by the leaders aims to boost industry ties on defense and renewable energy, in the face of growing competition from China.



Friendly ties: Rishi Sunak (left) with Joe Biden during a joint-press conference at the White House on Thursday. AFP

Changing times

"We face new challenges to international stability – from authoritarian states such as Russia and the People's Republic of China; disruptive technologies; non-state actors; and transnational challenges like climate change," the declaration read.

Both leaders concurred that the world economy was undergoing the biggest changes since the Industrial Revolution, in part driven by AI, which is bringing doomsday warnings.

Blinken says Saudi Arabia not being forced to choose between U.S., China

Agence France-Presse
RIYADH

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Saudi Arabia was not being forced to choose between Washington and Beijing, striking a conciliatory tone in Riyadh following tensions with the long-time ally.

Mr. Blinken, appearing alongside his Saudi counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan at the end of a three-day visit, denied that Saudi Arabia's warming ties with China were a problem for the United States.

He added that the United States supported the humanitarian goals that Prince Faisal said were behind lifting Syria's suspension from the Arab League, a move that was condemned by Washington.

Riyadh's strengthening relations with Beijing follow recent tensions between Saudi Arabia and the U.S., its decades-old security guarantor, mainly over human rights and oil prices.

Relations with U.S. and China were not a 'zero-sum game' for Saudi Arabia, says Prince Faisal

Washington is also seen as playing a reduced role in the region, where it has long acted as a protector to its allies including Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter.

But Prince Faisal said relations with the U.S. and China were not a "zero-sum game" for Saudi Arabia.

"We are all capable of having multiple partnerships and multiple engagements and the U.S. does the same in many instances," he said.

"So I'm not caught up in this really negative view of this. I think we can actually build a partnership that crosses these borders."

Mr. Blinken's trip comes at a time of quickly shifting alliances triggered by the detente between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Pakistan HC grants Imran Khan protective bail in murder case

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

A Pakistan High Court on Thursday granted protective bail to former premier Imran Khan in a case registered against him for the murder of Supreme Court lawyer Abdul Razzaq Shar, who was shot dead in Quetta on June 6 by unknown gunmen and reserved its verdict on bail petitions filed by Mr. Khan in eight other cases.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party chief had filed a bail petition in the Islamabad High Court (IHC) where a Division Bench comprising IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb heard the case and granted him a two-week protective bail.

Scores of cases have been filed against Mr. Khan since he was ousted from power last year, after losing a no-confidence vote, which he had alleged was part of a U.S.-led conspiracy targeting him.

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This is to inform the General Public that our clients **Sri. Lakshmanappa @ Lakhsmana** son of Late Channaiah, his wife **Smt. Hanumakka, Sri.Nataraj.S.L (for himself and for his minor son Jeevan), Smt. Sudha.T.N, Smt. Lavanya, Sri.Ravikumar. S.L (for himself and for his minor son Arjun), Smt. Vidyashree Ravikumar,** all are residing at, Somasagara Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District had executed a General Power of Attorney dated 18-01-2020, registered document No.NMG-4-00383/2019-20, stored in CD.No.NMGD745, registered in the office of Sub-Register, Nelamangala in respect of agricultural land measuring 3 Acre in Survey Number 33, , situated at Somasagar Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District authorizing Sri. K. Ramanjanaiah, Son of Late Kempahanumaiah, Residing at, Thimmasandra Village, Soluru Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramangarar District to deal with the above said property. Our client has cancelled/revoked the said registered power of attorney dated 18-01-2020 by issuing notice dated 30-05-2023 to the said attorney with immediate effect.

In view of the above cancelation Sri. Kemparajau has no right and authority to deal with the above said property in any manner and the public's are hereby called upon not to enter into any transaction with said person in respect of the Schedule Property.

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This is to inform the General Public that our clients **Smt. Vinodamma** wife of Late Mukundaiah, **Smt. Smitha.M** daughter of Late Mukundaiah both are residing at, Appagondanahalli Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District had executed a General Power of Attorney dated 10-01-2020, registered document No.NMG-4-00375/2019-20, stored in CD.No.NMGD740, registered in the office of Sub-Register, Nelamangala in respect of agricultural land measuring 1 Acre in Survey Number 33, , situated at Somasagar Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District authorizing Sri. K. Ramanjanaiah, Son of Late Kempahanumaiah, Residing at, Thimmasandra Village, Soluru Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramangarar District to deal with the above said property. Our client has cancelled/revoked the said registered power of attorney dated 10-01-2020 by issuing notice dated 30-05-2023 to the said attorney with immediate effect.

In view of the above cancelation Sri. Kemparajau has no right and authority to deal with the above said property in any manner and the public's are hereby called upon not to enter into any transaction with said person in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Agricultural land bearing **Survey Number 33, measuring 1 Acre, situated at Somasagar Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District,** and bounded as follows:

East by : Property of Vinodamma,
West by : Property of Vedavathi,
North by : Property of Puttarudraiah
South by : Property of Prakash.

Sd/-
Varnakara Reddy.K.B
S.V.H.Law Associates,
Advocates & Legal consultants,
No.201, 2nd Floor, Brigade Links,
1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram,
Bengaluru – 560 020. Mob: 9980565989.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client Mrs.BHAVANI, D/o. Mr.V.K.Paneer Selvam, Aged about 46 years, Presently Residing at No.53, Munnekolalu Village, Bangalore-56 0037, Permanent Resident of No.6, Old No.20, Kambar Street, Mehta Nagar, Chennai-600 029, Tamil Nadu, is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property she having acquired the same by virtue of (1) Registered Gift Deed dated 04.06.2010, Registered as Document No.VRT-1-01543/2010-11, of Book-1, Stored in VRTD73, Registered in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar Varthur, Bangalore from Mr.V.K.Paneer Selvam S/o.V.Kuppuswamy (2) Registered Gift Deed dated 27.03.2013, Registered as Document No.VRT-1-06783/2012-13, of Book-1, Stored in VRTD183, Registered in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar Varthur, Bangalore from Dr.P.Selvakumar S/o. Mr.V.K.Paneer Selvam and earlier Mr.V.K.Paneer Selvam has acquired the said property by way of Registered Sale Deed dated 30.10.1994, Registered as Document No.4099/1994-95, of Book-1, Volume 3957, Written at Pages 247 to 251, Registered in the office of the Sub Registrar Bangalore South Taluk, from Mr.A.Krishna Reddy S/o.Late Writer Annaiah Reddy alias Nagappa Reddy.

My client informs me that recently on 25.05.2023 when she had gone to take some Xerox/Photo copying of the said original documents Near Multiplex, Outer Ring Road Marathahalli, Bangalore, she had lost/misplaced the aforesaid original Registered Sale Deed dated 30.10.1994, Registered as Document No.4099/1994-95, of Book-1, Volume 3957, Written at Pages 247 to 251, Registered in the office of the Sub Registrar Bangalore South Taluk, executed by Mr.A.Krishna Reddy S/o.Late Writer Annaiah Reddy alias Nagappa Reddy in favor of her father Mr.V.K.Paneer Selvam S/o.V.Kuppuswamy in transit and my client has lodged a police complaint on the online portal for the loss of the said document on 27.05.2023 (E-Lost Report) vide Lost Report No.0577352/2023, hence if any person/s finds the Original Documents, they may be kindly handed over to the above named person or to the under mentioned and the finders will be duly rewarded.

The General Public is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with any strangers or person/s in respect of the subject property, without prior intimation to my client, if done so they will be doing so at their own risk and consequences.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property being the Land and building bearing Site No.53, House List No.85/9, Katha No.213, Property No.85, New BBMP Katha No.213/53 Situated at Munnekolalu Village Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now Bangalore East Taluk, Previously falling within the Ramagondanahalli Village Panchyath Limits, Later Mahadevapura CMC Limits, Now falling within the folds of BBMP Ward No.150, Bangalore and measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Square Feet, together with the Residential Buildings standing thereon and bounded on the: East by : Private Property (Site No.52); West by:Private Property (Site No.54); North by : Road ; South by : Narayana Reddy's Property.

VELLANKI RAVI, ADVOCATE
Date: 08/06/2023, 321, 1st Floor, C.M.H. Road, Indiranagar,
Bangalore. Bangalore- 560 038, Tel: 98441 21658 (Mobile)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,
RURAL WORKS: BHUBANESWAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR BUILDING WORKS IN ODISHA THROUGH e-procurement

No:- Online-02-Bid-2023-24 Lr No. 16736 Date:-06.06.2023

e-Procurement NOTICE

1.	Name of the work	: Construction of Multi Purpose Hall (MPH) in different ULBs of the State.
2.	Estimated cost	: Rs.4.00 Crore to 8.50 crore (approx)
3.	Class of Contractor	: "A" Class & "Special "Class
4.	Time for completion	: 6 Calendar Months
5.	E.M.D. required	: As mentioned in the Annexure at coloumn-5
6.	Cost of tender paper	: Rs.10,000/- per set.
7.	Mode of submission of tender	: Tender should be submitted online in https://www.tendersorissa.gov.in
8.	Period of availability of tenders on-line/ Date & time of bidding on-line/ last date of seeking clarification / Date of opening of tender papers	: The details are as follows.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Tiem of opening of the Bid	
		From	To		Technical bid	Financial bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle. Berhampur	Online Tender-08-2023-24 / BPR	21.06.2023 11.00 A.M.	05.07.2023 3.00 P.M.	04.07.2023	06.07.2023 11.00 A.M.	14.07.2023 11.00 A.M.
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle. Sunabeda	CCERWCSBD-Online-04 / 2023-24	21.06.2023 11.00 A.M.	05.07.2023 3.00 P.M.	04.07.2023	06.07.2023 11.00 A.M.	14.07.2023 11.00 A.M.

7. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents, which is available in website:www.tendersorissa.gov.in

O-204 : **Chief Engineer, (Buildings & Bridges) Odisha, Bhubaneswar**

OIPR-25123/11/0010/2324

BANGALORE-MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY
No. 5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone: 080-22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No:BMICAPA/CLU-04/75/2022-23/330 Date: 08-06-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

(UNDER SEC 69(3) OF The Karnataka Town & Country Planning ACT, 1961)

Sri Doddaiah S/o. Late Chikkaiah has applied to Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority seeking to assign land use from **"Public and Semi public"** to **"Residential"** use under Sec 69(3) of the KTCP Act, 1961, for land in Sy. No: 159/6 Extent 00A - 38G of Rammanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk.

As per the approved Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority's Master plan the proposed land is earmarked for Public and Semi public, The proposed land is surrounded by Residential Developments.

Therefore in order to assign land use from Public and Semi public to Residential use, Objections to the above are invited from the public and any person may file his/her objection to the **Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru** in writing with supporting documents and reasons for the same within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Any objection received after 15 days will not be considered.

DIPR/CP/223/Adverto/2023-24

Sd/- Member Secretary,
B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of the respective Owners of properties situated at Bikkanahalli Village, Sarjapura (3) Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, which is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter collectively called **"Schedule Property"**. Our client **("Client")** is desirous of entering into a sale transaction of the Schedule Property with the respective Owners of the Schedule Property who have represented to our Client that they are the absolute owners of their respective extents in the Schedule Property with rights of alienation over the same.

ALL persons including an individual, a Hindu Undivided Family, a company, banks, financial institution(s), non- banking financial institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of Schedule Property or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, bequest, succession, family arrangement, grant, possession, lease, sub-lease tenancy, sub-tenancy, maintenance easement, license, bequeath, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, covenant, settlement right of way, lis pendens, reservation, agreement, FSI consumption, development rights, order/decree/judgement of court or any liability or commitment or otherwise or demand of any nature whatsoever are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned having their office at 6/12, Gurappa Avenue, Primrose Road Bengaluru 560 025 within a period of **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the sale transaction in connection with the Schedule Property .

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Extent		BOUNDARIES			
		Acres	Guntas	East By	West By	North By	South By
1	39/1		27	Sy No. 40	Sy No. 37 and 44	Sy No, 39/2	Sy No. 39/3
2	39/2	02	31	Kotaganahalli Village Border	Sy No 38 and 37	Sy No. 18 and 38	Sy No. 39/1, 40/1 and 40/2
3	39/3		27	Sy No. 40	Sy No. 44	Sy No. 39/1	Sy No. 41
4	40/1		13	Kotaganahalli Border	Sy No. 39/2	Sy No. 39/2	Sy No. 40/2
5	40/2		13 ½	Kotaganahalli Border	Sy No. 39/2 and 39/1	Sy No. 40/1	Sy No. 40/3 and 40/4
6	40/3 & 40/4		33 ½	Kotaganahalli Border	Sy No. 39/1 and 39/3	Sy No. 40/2	Sy No. 41

Mr. S T Prashantha Kumar
Mr. B.C. Keerthi Kishore
Fox Mandal & Associates, Solicitors & Advocates,
FM House, 6/12, Primrose Road, Bangalore – 560025, Karnataka, India
Phone: +91 80 2559 5911
Dated: 08.06.2023 Bengaluru

INBRIEF

Repo rate pause will help sustain sales velocity: Realtors

India's housing market will continue to witness higher sales velocity with the RBI keeping key interest rate unchanged, real estate industry experts said while hoping for a repo rate cut in the next round of monetary policy to boost growth. CREDAI National President Boman Irani said, "We expect both housing supply and demand to sustain its ongoing momentum." Naredco VC Niranjan Hiranandani said a hiatus in interest rate increase will boost sales velocity. PTI

Housing prices rise in 43 cities in Q4 of FY23: NHB

As many as 43 cities out of 50 registered an increase in property prices during Q4 of 2022-23, according to National Housing Bank (NHB) data released on Thursday. However, 7 cities registered a decline in the property prices. The home loan rates are still lower than that of pre-COVID period leading to a healthy affordability overall, it said. India's eight key primary residential markets saw appreciating property prices during Jan.-March 2023. PTI

Torrent raises ₹600 cr. via non-convertible debentures

Torrent Power has raised ₹600 crore through non-convertible debentures on a private placement basis. "The company has issued and allotted Series 11 - 60000 Secured, Rated, Listed, Taxable, Non-Cumulative, Redeemable and Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) of ₹600 crore at a coupon rate of 8.50% per annum... on private placement basis," Torrent said in a BSE filing. The company issued 60,000 NCDs of ₹1 lakh per debenture aggregating to ₹600 crore. PTI

EV two-wheeler firms send SOS to FM, flag rising stress

SMEV seeks Sitharaman's help to cope with stress caused by ₹1,200 cr. of unpaid subsidies; EV makers' group says banks have stopped extending credit to two-wheeler firms, losses piling up

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Electric vehicle (EV) producers have sought Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's help for tiding over the financial stress caused by the delay in the release of ₹1,200 crore in subsidies due to two-wheeler EV manufacturers, stressing that banks had stopped extending credit to these firms and losses were piling up.

In a letter to Ms. Sitharaman on Thursday, the Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) secretary general Ajay Sharma said that even as the subsidies were due from the Ministry of Heavy Industries since January 2022, the ministry had also sought the return of subventions paid under the FAME II scheme. Companies had also been asked to refund some money to their customers.

"The cumulative effect of this has been devastating on start-ups and first movers in the EV 2-wheeler segment," Mr. Sharma wrote. "Many of them will not be able to come out of the financial stress," he added, urging the Finance Ministry to consider creating a ₹3,000 crore rehabilitation fund to help revive and sustain these producers for a year or two.

Cry for help

SMEV secretary general Ajay Sharma urges Finance Ministry to consider creating a ₹3,000 crore rehabilitation fund

- Subsidies had been due from Ministry of Heavy Industries since January 2022
- Ministry had sought the return of subventions paid under the FAME II scheme
- Companies also told to refund some money to their customers

'Easy trade finance is key to $2-tn in exports'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Easy availability of affordable trade finance is the key to achieving India's $2 trillion exports target by 2030 in goods and services, a government official said.

Additional Director General of Foreign Trade S. C. Aggarwal said easy availability of affordable trade finance helps promote export competitiveness.

Traders and the government have to work on issues such as obtaining easy finance both for domestic and cross-border trade.

According to the Commerce Ministry's data, exports of goods and services in 2022-23 rose 14.68% year-to-year to $775.87 billion as against $676.53 billion in 2021-22.

He suggested the industry focus on how to make it easier to get the finance and ways to strengthen this ecosystem.

India Inc. urges reversal of rate cycle

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

RBI has paused its rate increase cycle after an aggregate 250 bps rise in rates since May 2022

The status quo adopted by the Reserve Bank of India in its second bi-monthly monetary policy of the current fiscal will pave way for reversal of the rate increase cycle in due course, expects India Inc.

The RBI opted for a pause second time in a row, maintaining key benchmark policy rate at 6.5% as inflation moderates. The rate increase cycle was paused in April after six consecutive rate increases aggregating to 250 basis points since May of last year.

President of industry body FICCI Subhrakant Panda said by keeping the repo rate unchanged, RBI is keeping a watchful eye on inflation while supporting growth. "Ficci expects the impact of monetary policy interventions till date to pave the way for reversal of rate increase cycle in due course," he said.

RBI lets banks issue RuPay prepaid forex cards to help widen usage

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in a bid to broaden the scope of RuPay cards and as part of its strategy of internationalising issuance and acceptance of such cards, has decided to permit banks to issue RuPay prepaid forex cards to customers and to issue such cards abroad.

"RuPay Debit and Credit cards issued by banks in India are gaining increased acceptance abroad. It has now been decided to permit issuance of RuPay prepaid forex cards by banks," RBI governor Shaktikanta Das announced as part of additional measures by the central bank on Thursday.

"This will expand the payment options for Indians travelling abroad," he said.

"Further, RuPay cards will be enabled for issuance in foreign jurisdictions. These measures will expand the reach and acceptance of RuPay cards globally," Mr. Das added.

"The widespread adoption of RuPay cards abroad supports the Government of India's vision of a digital economy, promoting digital payments, financial inclusion, and overall economic growth," said Akash Sinha, Co-Founder & CEO, Cashfree Payments.

"India has placed significant emphasis on cross-border payments in recent times, recognising their crucial importance," Mr. Sinha added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	62,849	-0.47
US Dollar	82.51	0.01
Gold	60,380	-0.69
Brent oil	76.19	-1.75

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2429.15	-10.40
Adani Ports	736.40	-7.35
Apollo Hosp	4926.65	-99.80
Asian Paints	3212.25	-12.55
Axis Bank	962.10	-14.65
Bajaj Auto	4800.65	19.90
Bajaj Finserv	1467.40	-13.50
Bajaj Finance	7010.10	-69.85
Bharti Airtel	836.00	-8.25
BPCL	361.10	-7.00
Britannia Ind	4875.05	-18.10
Cipla	965.40	4.95
Coal India	228.10	-2.60
Divis Lab	3499.70	-42.40
Dr Reddys Lab	4649.40	-24.35
Eicher Motors	3657.40	-70.00
Grasim Ind	1711.95	-57.10
HCL Tech	1126.75	-2.30
HDFC	2653.80	5.25
HDFC Bank	1608.70	1.00
HDFC Life	593.90	-0.55
Hero MotoCorp	2964.80	6.80
Hindalco	418.25	-4.35
Hind Unilever	2679.90	-36.30
ICICI Bank	937.90	-2.30
IndusInd Bank	1303.85	-7.35
Infosys	1282.80	-6.15
ITC	442.90	-1.05
JSW Steel	748.80	19.05
Kotak Bank	1886.50	-52.90
L&T	2340.30	24.80
M&M	1381.05	-25.35
Maruti Suzuki	9658.60	-48.90
NestleIndia	22148.90	-218.85
NTPC	182.05	4.70
ONGC	156.10	2.25
PowerGrid Corp	241.65	2.45
Reliance Ind	2499.65	1.50
SBI Life	1238.90	-6.90
State Bank	588.50	-0.70
Sun Pharma	987.00	-27.60
TataConsumerProduct	807.10	-16.00
Tata Motors	559.70	-8.25
Tata Steel	111.15	-0.35
TCS	3236.45	-38.45
Tech Mahindra	1071.30	-24.40
Titan	2877.00	-29.95
UltraTech Cement	8100.15	-57.45
UPL	690.05	-3.90
Wipro	399.55	-3.25

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 08

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.36	82.68
Euro	88.37	88.72
British Pound	102.67	103.08
Japanese Yen (100)	58.92	59.15
Chinese Yuan	11.55	11.60
Swiss Franc	90.56	90.92
Singapore Dollar	61.14	61.38
Canadian Dollar	61.71	61.95
Malaysian Ringitt	17.82	17.90
Australian Dollar	55.02	55.24

Source:Indian Bank

'Co-op banks can soon settle loans, write off NPAs'

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday said cooperative lenders will soon be able to do technical write-offs and execute compromise settlements with defaulting borrowers.

RBI has decided to widen the scope of the framework for resolution of stressed assets, under which cooperative lenders will now be able to execute "compromise settlements and technical write-offs" to resolve NPAs, Das said. Till now, this avenue for dud asset resolutions was available only with scheduled commercial banks and select NBFCs.

HC sends 4 Golden Tobacco directors to jail for contempt

Mohamed Imranullah S.
CHENNAI

Golden Tobacco, 4 directors continued to imitate 'Gold Flake' trade mark despite injunction

The Madras High Court has found Golden Tobacco Limited guilty of contempt of court and directed four of its directors to undergo simple imprisonment for two weeks in a civil prison.

The court imposed milder punishment since the directors – A.K. Joshi, Jaskaran S. Khurana, Bharat B. Merchant and Kokila Panchal – were aged.

A Division Bench of Justices S. S. Sundar and P. B. Balaji delivered the verdict on a petition filed by ITC Ltd. in 2019 accusing Golden Tobacco and its four directors of continuing to imitate the trade mark 'Gold Flake' for their cigarettes despite an interim injunction granted against it by the High Court on July 26, 2018.

The Division Bench, however, made it clear that its order imposing punishment would come into force only with effect from July 15, 2023 in order to enable the directors to prefer an appeal before the Supreme Court.

Fuel demand rises 8% over April, official data shows

Reuters

India's fuel consumption, a proxy for oil demand, rose 8% month-on-month (m-o-m) in May to about 20.03 million tonnes, data from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) of the Oil Ministry showed.

Sales of gasoline rose 16.4% to 3.35 million tonnes and that of diesel by about 5% to 8.22 million tonnes in May from the previous month.

Southern Railway
(Construction Organisation)
E-Tender Notice No.
E 148-CN-TPJ-TF-034 Dt: 06-06-2023

For and on behalf of President of India, the Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer (General) Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai 600008 invites e-tender for the work of "Peralam - Karaikal New Line work - Thirunallaru -Peralam section - Electrification of station buildings, Platforms, LC gate lodges in Thirunallaru to Peralam section, electrification of Goods platform at Peralam and electrification of Officers Rest House at Thirunallaru including power supply arrangements etc - Works Contract with the above tender notice. Date of tender opening is **30.06.2023 at 11:30 Hrs.** All the other details of this tender are available in **www.ireps.gov.in** website.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Materials Management Department
Tiruchirappalli Division

The following E-Tender has been published in IREPS website. Firms are requested to login to **https://www.ireps.gov.in** > login > E.tender > Goods & Servives (New) and quote against the tender. Manual quotation will not been intertained.

Tender No. : 95235268
Description : Orthopedic Operating Table
Due Date : 22.06.23
Sr.Divisional Materials Manager/ Trichy-620001

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of the South Western Railway that the 25000 Volt, 50 Hz., ac overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Sl.	Section	From	To
1	3rd Line between Bengaluru East and Bengaluru Cantonment Railway Stations	km 349/880.70	km 350/581.25
2	4th Line between Bengaluru East and Bengaluru Cantonment Railway Stations	km 349/880.70	km 351/311.25
3	Road No. 1C at Bengaluru Cantonment Station	km 350/423.75	km 351/523.75
4	Road No. 1D at Bengaluru Cantonment Station	km 350/734.25	km 351/523.75
5	Road No. 1E at Bengaluru Cantonment Station	km 350/671.25	km 351/523.75

Probable date of Energisation : 19-06-2023
Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer / Gati Shakti Unit Bengaluru
PUB/153/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24
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SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA SAI
NETAJI SUBHAS SOUTHERN CENTRE, BENGALURU

ADVERTISEMENT

Sports Authority of India, Netaji Subhas Southern Centre, Bengaluru invites applications from the eligible, qualified and motivated candidates for the following posts on contract basis.

S.No	POST	NUMBER OF POST	Category
1	Catering Manager	01	UR
2	YP (Accounts/ Finance)	02	UR-1 OBC-1

The details of recruitment along with application form are available at SAI website i.e; **http://sportsauthorityofIndia.nic.in/ and http://www.saibengaluru.com/**

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Sd/, Executive Director
Sports Authority of India, NSSC, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to purchase property bearing vacant Site No.34, BDA Katha No. BDA/ROCSV/34/JPN/VIII/I/10-11 situated at 1st Block, J.P.Nagar 8th phase, Bangalore, measuring East to West 9.14 meters and North to South 12.19 Meters, totally measuring 111.41 Square meters feet more fully described in the schedule herein below from vacant **MRS. S.BHAGIRATHI,** W/o Mr.R.Revanna Siddaiah, Aged about 59 years, Residing at No. 110, 18th Main Road, Mahalakshmipuram, J.C.Nagar, Bangalore – 560 086, who claims to be the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and apart from them, no other person/s has/have any right, title, interest and/or claim/s in or upon the Schedule Property. If any person/s has/have any claims, right, title and/or interest in or upon the same, the same may be intimated to me within **10 days** from the date of this publication along with documents in support thereof. If no tenable objections are received within the said period, my client will proceed to complete the transaction, deeming that there are no claims or objections whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of property bearing vacant Site No.34, BDA Katha No. BDA/ROCSV/34/JPN/VIII/I/10-11 situated at 1st Block, J.P.Nagar 8th phase, Bangalore, measuring East to West 9.14 meters and North to South 12.19 Meters, totally measuring 111.41 Square meters and bounded on:

East by : Site No. 33 **West by :** Site No. 35
North by : Site No. 28 & 29 **South by :** Road

S.K. MITHUN Advocate,
No.19/1, 3rd Cross, Shankarpura, Bangalor- 560 004 Mobile - 9845366658

ProConnect aims to lead in tech solutions

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Malay Shankar

ProConnect Supply Chain Solutions, a part of the $6.5-billion Redington Group, has undertaken a consolidation exercise in a bid to become a logi-tech company in three years' time, said MD and CEO Malay Shankar.

The logistics firm wants to convert itself into a logi-tech company that leads in technological solutions and provides seamless experience to clients either in India or in West Asia, he said. "We want to achieve this goal in less than three years," Mr. Shankar said in an interaction.

"During the current fiscal, our plan is to double the warehousing footprint and transportation network, and the revenue to ₹1,000 crore," he said.

Mr. Shankar said that as part of the consolidation exercise, the firm recently completed the acquisition of Redington's automated distribution centres in Kolkata and Chennai under One ProConnect.

Process was on to acquire Redington's subsidiaries in Dubai and Saudi, the CEO said.

Honeywell labs in India design avionics: official

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Niranjan Kalyandurg

North Carolina-based Honeywell is designing, developing and testing an array of avionic hardware and software systems, packages, platforms and solutions for airplanes at multiple aerospace labs it has here.

Honeywell is now building a high-end flight management system and other packages for Boeing 777X, claimed to be the world's largest and most efficient twin-engine jet scheduled for commercial introduction globally in 2025.

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GAMEPLAN

Staying in the moment is the key to success, says Smith

Australia batter Steve Smith scored his third century at The Oval on Thursday. The key to success here is to "stay in the moment", he said. "You have to stay in the moment. The ball did shoot low and bounced more at times, but you have to forget what happened the ball before. If you get out to those odd ones, then so be it."

WITHIN A WHISKER

Head falls just one run short of unique batting record

Australia batter Travis Head on Thursday registered the second-highest score by an Australian player at a neutral venue. His knock of 163 fell one run short of Warren Bardsley's 164 against South Africa at Lord's in 1912, the highest score by an Australian batter at a neutral venue.

SUCCESS FORMULA

The ploy was to bowl short to Head, reveals Siraj

Siraj, who picked up four wickets in the WTC final on Thursday, said, "We wanted to bowl short to Travis Head. This got us success. We knew that if we did not concede many runs, wickets will fall." On his brief, heated exchange with Smith, which included him hurling a throw past the batter, Siraj said, "It was nothing, just enjoyment."

STAR WATCH

Kapil, Gayle and Dhawan at The Oval for WTC Final

Kapil Dev, Chris Gayle and Shikhar Dhawan were among the star-studded attendees at the World Test Championship Final between India and Australia at The Oval. Gayle posed for pictures with India's 1983 World Cup-winning hero and the Punjab Kings skipper.

India top-order fails, Aussies in control

Smith completes century before a fired up Siraj picks up four; gritty Jadeja and Rahane join hands to provide resistance with a 71-run stand

WTC FINAL

Ashwin Achal
LONDON

Australia doubled down to grab a stranglehold over India on the second day of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) final here on Thursday.

India did well to restrict Australia to 469, but a top-order collapse left the side in a hole. The Australian pacers stuck to their well-worked plans to reduce India to 151 for five.

A 71-run fifth-wicket stand between Ravindra Jadeja (48, 51b, 7x4, 1x6) and Ajinkya Rahane (29 n.o., 71b, 4x4) gave India hope in the evening session. Veteran off-spinner Nathan Lyon, in his second over, demoralised the opposition by removing Jadeja 20 minutes before close of play.

India, which trails by 318 runs, need a herculean effort from Rahane and K.S. Bharat (5 n.o., 14b) to stay afloat.

Opener Rohit Sharma started well, swivelling back to pull Mitchell Starc for a boundary off the second delivery of the essay. Starc continued to test Rohit with short balls, and the captain was more than willing to take on the deep fine-leg fielder.

Rohit (15) looked in good touch, before a length ball from Pat Cummins caught him on the pads.

Shubman Gill, the toast of the cricketing world, got off the mark with an exquisite cover drive. The Punjab batter followed up with a tennis style slap over mid-on.

Australian skipper Cummins brought Scott Boland into the attack in just the fifth over – a clear indication that the side had done its homework on Gill. The move worked, as Boland sent Gill back in dramatic fashion. Gill shouldered arms to an indipper, only to find the ball crash into the stumps.

There was hardly time to digest this shock dismissal as Cheteshwar Pujara fell in similar fashion. Cameron Green produced the scalp this time, taking out Pujara's off-stump. Both Gill and Pujara stayed well inside the line – with no 'back and across' feet movement – and paid the price.

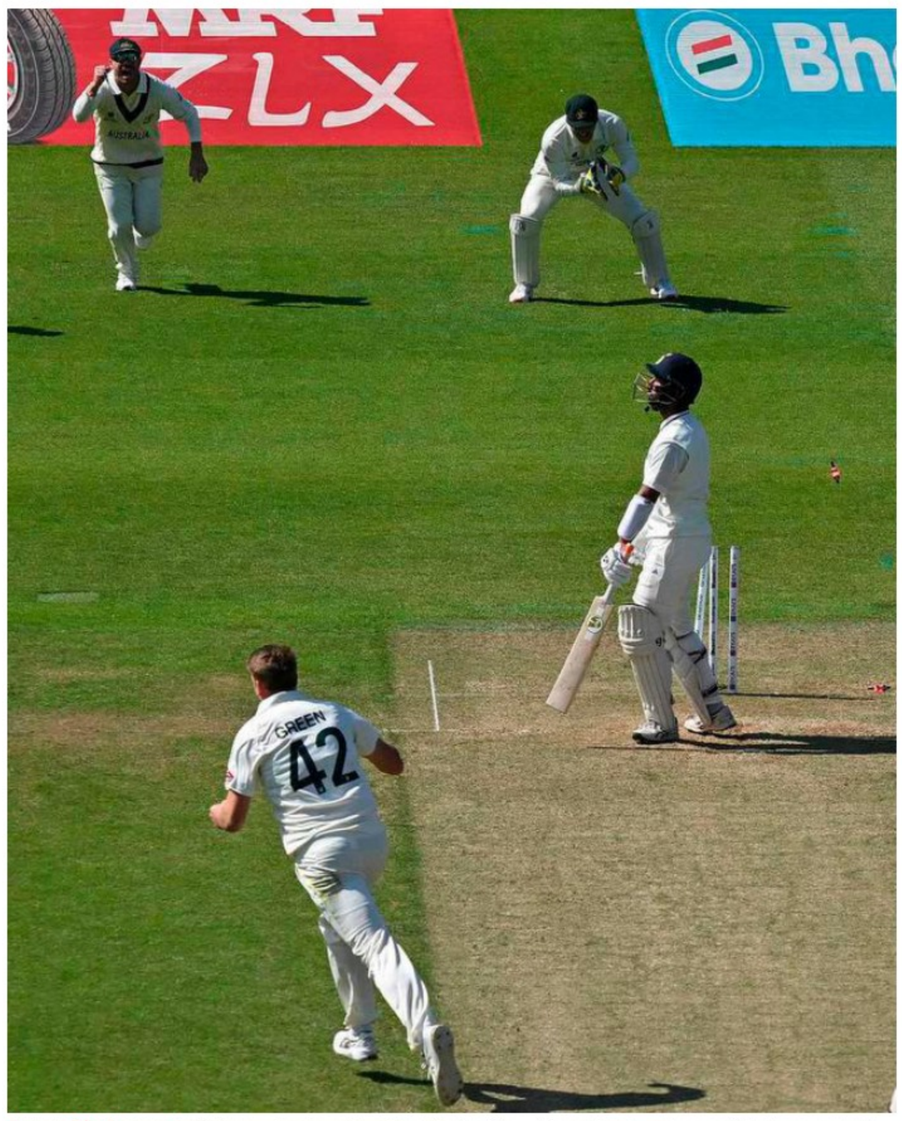
It was a particularly disappointing ending for Pujara, who spent considerable time playing for Sussex in the County Championship. He was best prepared to tackle these conditions, but a moment of indecision was all it took for a premature end.

The 23,600-odd spectators cheered loudly when Virat Kohli walked in at No. 4. Kohli gave the crowd some joy when he strode forward to hit his patented cover drive.

An unplayable snorter from Starc, however, silenced his supporters. Starc got one to jump from length, catching Kohli on the shoulder of the bat. Steve Smith held on at second slip to spark big celebrations in the Aussie camp. The Indian bowlers shone bright in the morning session, taking the seven remaining Australian wickets for 142 runs. Mohammed Siraj was fired up and ready for a challenge, firing bouncers at overnight batter Travis Head. The southpaw succumbed to the short-ball plan, gloving a pull to wicketkeeper Bharat.

Steve Smith struck a couple of boundaries to register his hundred. The Aussie batter was annoyed when he dragged a harmless delivery from Shardul Thakur onto timber.

Green flashed at a wide delivery from Mohammed Shami to offer a sharp catch to Gill at slip. Alex Carey's attempted reverse-sweep was adjudged leg-before, while the tail-enders offered little resistance.



Error of judgement: Pujara, who stayed well inside the line with no 'back and across' feet movement, is prised out by Green. AFP

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA — 1ST INNINGS
David Warner c Bharat b Shardul 43 *(60b, 8x4)*, Usman Khawaja c Bharat b Siraj 0 *(10b)*, Marnus Labuschagne b Shami 26 *(62b, 3x4)*, Steve Smith b Shardul 121 *(268b, 19x4)*, Travis Head c Bharat b Siraj 163 *(174b, 25x4, 1x6)*, Cameron Green c Gill b Shami 6 *(7b, 1x4)*, Alex Carey lbw b Jadeja 48 *(69b, 7x4, 1x6)*, Mitchell Starc run out 5 *(20b)*, Pat Cummins c Rahane b Siraj 9 *(34b)*, Nathan Lyon b Siraj 9 *(25b, 1x4)*, Scott Boland (not out) 1 *(7b)*; Extras (b-13, lb-10, w-8, nb-7): 38; Total (in 121.3 overs): 469.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-2 (Khawaja, 3.4 overs), 2-71 (Warner, 21.4), 3-76 (Labuschagne, 24.1), 4-361 (Head, 91.1), 5-376 (Green, 94.2), 6-387 (Smith, 98.1), 7-402 (Starc, 103.5), 8-453 (Carey, 114.4), 9-468 (Lyon, 119.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Shami 29-4-122-2, Siraj 28.3-4-108-4, Umesh 23-5-77-0, Shardul 23-4-83-2, Jadeja 18-2-56-1.

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Rohit Sharma lbw b Cummins 15 *(26b, 2x4)*, Shubman Gill b Boland 13 *(15b, 2x4)*, Cheteshwar Pujara b Green 14 *(25b, 2x4)*, Virat Kohli c Smith b Starc 14 *(31b, 2x4)*, Ajinkya Rahane (batting) 29 *(71b, 4x4)*, Ravindra Jadeja c Smith b Lyon 48 *(51b, 7x4, 1x6)*, K.S. Bharat (batting) 5 *(14b)*; Extras (b-4, lb-4, nb-5): 13; Total (for five wkts. in 38 overs): 151.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-30 (Rohit, 5.6), 2-30 (Gill, 6.4), 3-50 (Pujara, 13.5), 4-71 (Kohli, 18.2), 5-142 (Jadeja, 34.3).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Starc 9-0-52-1, Cummins 9-2-36-1, Boland 11-4-29-1, Green 7-1-22-1, Lyon 2-0-4-1.

Siraj, the spark which lit the fire in the Indian attack, finished with four wickets.

India moves to top of standings after outclassing Argentina

Back with a bang: India registered a commanding win over Argentina after a loss to Netherlands the day before. AFP

FIH PRO LEAGUE

Press Trust of India
EINDHOVEN

India displayed great resilience a day after suffering a stunning loss to outclass Argentina 3-0 in a FIH Pro League match here on Thursday.

A profligate India squandered a one-goal lead to go down 1-4 to hosts Netherlands on Wednesday night, but the Harmanpreet Singh-led side bounced back in style with a commanding win over Argentina.

Leading from the front
Skipper Harmanpreet led from the front, converting a penalty corner in the 33rd minute.

Amit Rohidas also converted from a penalty corner in the 39th minute before Abhishek's field goal in the 59th minute nailed it for India.

By virtue of this win, India moved to the top of the standings with 27 points from 14 games, ahead of Great Britain (26 points from 12 matches).

Anti-climax
On Wednesday night, it was an anti-climax for India. Despite taking an early lead through Harmanpreet (11th minute) and being awarded as many as five penalty corners and a penalty stroke, the visitors lost to Netherlands.

Pepijn Reyenga (17th), Boris Burkhardt (40th) and Duco Telgenkamp (41th, 58th) scored in the home team's victory on Wednesday night.

It didn't help that India was down to 10 men after Mandeep Singh was shown a green card. Under pressure to score, India began the final quarter with a couple of PCs coming its way but it failed to capitalise on them.

India will play Netherlands in the reverse tie on Saturday.

Muchova stuns Sabalenka with epic comeback, faces Swiatek in final

FRENCH OPEN

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Karolina Muchova of the Czech Republic saved a match point and battled from 2-5 down in the final set to shock World No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka and reach her maiden Grand Slam final at the French Open on Thursday.

Muchova, ranked 43rd, defeated the Australian Open winner 7-6(5), 6-7(5), 7-5 in a thrilling three-hour 13-minute match. She will face reigning champion and World No. 1 Iga Swiatek, who defeated Brazilian 14th seed Beatriz Haddad Maia 6-2, 7-6(7).

Poland's Swiatek, 22, is chasing a third Roland-Garros crown in four years and bidding to become the first woman to successfully defend the title since Justine Henin in 2007.

Earlier in the day, Muchova added Sabalenka to an impressive list of victims in Paris which included eighth seed Maria Sakkari in the first round and 2021 runner-up Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in the quarterfinal.

"It's unbelievable. I just kept fighting. But I don't want to sound cocky, I just keep working on my game," said Muchova. For Sabalenka, defeat ended her run of 12 successive match wins at the Slams.

Muchova, playing in her second Slam semifinal, dug deep to save two break points in the fourth game of the opening set.

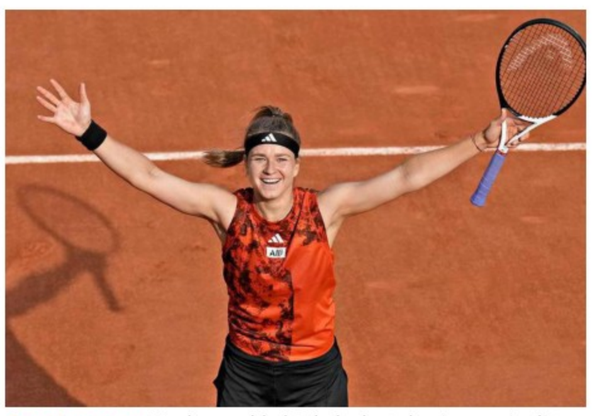
Her clever angles countered the raw power of Sabalenka, taking her to set point in the 10th game.

She was unable to convert that opportunity but made no mistake at the second time of asking, a wrong-footing, deep backhand giving her the set via a tiebreak after 68 minutes on court. It was the first set Sabalenka had dropped at the tournament.

In the second set, Muchova was 2-0 ahead. Sabalenka battled back, overcoming double-faults on a first set point in the tiebreak to level the semifinal.

Suddenly the momentum was with the Belarusian who broke for 4-2 in the decider after seeing four break points come and go in the second game.

Muchova appeared doomed to wilt under the barrage. However, she saved a match point in the eighth game before incredibly racing away with the last five games.



One step away: Muchova added Sabalenka to her impressive list of victims in Paris and reached her maiden Grand Slam final. AP

THE RESULTS

Women (semifinals): Muchova (Cze) bt 2-Sabalenka 7-6(5), 6-7(5), 7-5; 1-Swiatek (Pol) bt 14-Haddad Maia (Bra) 6-2, 7-6(7).
Men (quarterfinals): 22-Zverev (Ger) bt Etcheverry (Arg) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Mixed doubles (final): Puetz (Ger) & Kato (Jpn) bt Venus (NZ) & Andreescu (Can) 4-6, 6-4, [10-6].

A match-up with era-defining potential

Associated Press
PARIS

Novak Djokovic, having battled through 59 encounters with Rafael Nadal over 16 years of an epic rivalry, faces the Spanish legend's heir apparent Carlos Alcaraz at the French Open in a match laced with era-defining potential.

Djokovic will be playing a 45th Grand Slam semifinal on Friday; for Alcaraz, it will be just his second.

With Roger Federer retired and Nadal nursing a hip injury until next year, the 36-year-old Djokovic has the responsibility of preserving the legacy of the 'Big Three'.

"It's definitely the biggest challenge for me," said Djokovic, chasing a third French Open title and a men's record 23rd Slam which would break the tie he currently shares with Nadal.

Friday's showpiece will be the first time Djokovic and Alcaraz have met at a Grand Slam and will be just the second meeting in their careers.

Alcaraz, then 19, defeated the Serb from a set down in the semifinals of the Madrid Open last year, a day after he had knocked out Nadal on the faster, higher altitude courts of the Spanish capital.

"He carries himself very well, brings a lot of intensity on the court. He reminds me of someone from his country that plays with a left hand," said Djokovic of a player who is 16 years his junior but already boasts the competitive DNA of Nadal.

Djokovic has 90 career wins at Roland-Garros and is playing his 12th semifinal. When the Serbian made his tournament debut in 2005, Alcaraz was just two but despite the age gap, Djokovic is keen to measure himself against the Spaniard for the first time at a Major.

"He's definitely a guy to beat here. I'm looking forward to that," said Djokovic, bidding to reach a seventh final in the last eight Slams in which he has played.

The clash between Djokovic and Alcaraz has overshadowed Friday's other semifinal between 2022 runner-up Casper Ruud and Olympic champion Alexander Zverev who is in the last four for a third successive year.

Zverev leads Ruud 2-1 in their head-to-head matchups but they have never met on clay. That could prove significant as World No. 4 Ruud boasts the best record on the surface since 2020 with 86 wins.

Eagerly awaited: Djokovic and Alcaraz will hope to bring their A-game to what promises to be a fascinating duel. AFP

Paths to the semifinals
1-Alcaraz (Esp): **1st round:** bt Cobolli (Ita) 6-0, 6-2, 7-5; **2nd:** bt Daniel (Jpn) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; **3rd:** bt 26-Shapovalov (Can) 6-1, 6-4, 6-2; **4th:** bt 17-Musetti (Ita) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; **Quarterfinal:** bt 5-Tsitsipas (Gre) 6-2, 6-1, 7-6(5).
3-Djokovic (Srb): **1st round:** bt Kovacevic (USA) 6-3, 6-2, 7-6(1); **2nd:** bt Fucsovics (Hun) 7-6(2), 6-0, 6-3; **3rd:** bt 29-Davidovich-Fokina (Esp) 7-6(4), 7-6(5), 6-2; **4th:** bt Varillas (Per) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; **Quarterfinal:** bt 11-Khachanov (Rus) 4-6, 7-6(0), 6-2, 6-4.
H2H: Alcaraz leads 1-0 (2022 Madrid: Alcaraz won 6-7(5), 7-5, 7-6(5).

INBRIEF

Denver takes 2-1 lead with facile win in Miami

Nikola Jokic and Jamal Murray dominated Miami Heat as Denver Nuggets took a 2-1 lead in the NBA Finals in Miami and regained its home court advantage with a 109-94 win in game three on Wednesday. Jokic scored 32 points, with 21 rebounds and 10 assists, while Murray scored 34 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

India's campaign ends in Singapore Open badminton

India's campaign ended at the Singapore Masters badminton tournament after K. Srikanth lost 21-15, 21-19 to Chia Hao Lee of Chinese Taipei in the men's singles second round here on Thursday. Earlier, upcoming Indian shuttler Priyanshu Rajawat's dream run ended with a second round 21-17, 21-16 loss to third seed Kodai Naraoka. In the men's doubles, M.R. Arjun and Dhruv Kapila lost to England's Ben Lane and Sean Vendy 21-15, 21-19 in a 41-minute affair.

West Ham wins Europa Conference League title

Jarrod Bowen scored in the 90th minute as West Ham United secured a last-gasp 2-1 victory over Fiorentina in the Europa Conference League final on Wednesday to clinch a first major European trophy in over half a century.

The result: Fiorentina 1 (Bonaventura 67) lost to West Ham 2 (Benrahma 62-pen, Bowen 90).

Boult likely to return for New Zealand at World Cup

Seamer Trent Boult could return for New Zealand at the ODI World Cup later this year despite not having a national contract, Black Caps coach Gary Stead said on Thursday. Boult opted out of a New Zealand Cricket contract last year, which enabled him to play in the lucrative Big Bash League in Australia.

Karnataka crushes Nambia to take a 2-1 lead

Karnataka thrashed Namibia by nine wickets in the third game of the five-match series at Windhoek (Namibia) on Wednesday. Chasing 227 for victory, the visitors rode on unbeaten centuries from L.R. Chethan (120 n.o., 105b, 16x4, 2x6) and Nikin Jose (101 n.o., 91b, 6x4, 4x6) and won with more than 16 overs to spare. Karnataka leads the series 2-1.

The scores: Namibia 226 in 45.1 overs (Zane Green 65 n.o., Bernard Scholtz 59, Shubhang Hegde 3/44) lost to Karnataka 227/1 in 33.4 overs (L.R. Chethan 120 n.o., Nikin Jose 101 n.o.).

Hurdler Jyothi wins silver in Finnish athletics meet

National record-holder Jyothi Yarraji won the women's 100m hurdles silver in 12.95s at the Jyvaskyla Motonet Grand Prix, a World Athletics Continental Tour-Bronze event, at Jyvaskyla, Finland, on Wednesday. Finland's Reetta Hurske, the European indoor 60m hurdles champion, took gold in 12.80s. Amlan Borgohain was third in the men's 100m in a season-best 10.49s. Jamaican Oshane Bailey won in 10.28s.

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BWF Singapore Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m.

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WTC (final): Australia vs India, day 3, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3 p.m.

UAE vs West Indies: 3rd ODI, FanCode, 6 p.m.

Premier Handball League: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 & 8.30 p.m.

FIH Pro League: SS Select 2 SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.40 & 11.10 p.m.

NBA (finals): MTV, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6 a.m. (Saturday)

India looks to begin in right earnest in the Intercontinental Cup

The host will aim to regain the title as the tournament resumes after a three-year hiatus owing to the pandemic; Lebanon (ranked 99), Vanuatu (164) and Mongolia (183) are the three visiting sides

FOOTBALL

Amitabha Das Sharma
BHUBANESWAR

Hard at work: The Indian team goes through the paces on Thursday. AIFF

The Indian senior national men's football team will take on Mongolia on the opening day in its quest to regain the Intercontinental Cup, which gets underway here at the Kalinga Stadium on Friday.

The invitational tournament hosted by India is an opportunity for the national side to test its preparedness ahead of the continental and world competitions.

India won the inaugural edition before it lost the crown in the next edition to DPR Korea. The tournament resumes after a three-year hiatus owing to the pandemic and comes as an important event when the senior Indian team begins its preparations for the Asian Cup challenge in January.

Lebanon (ranked 99), Vanuatu (164) and Mongolia (183) are the three visiting sides in the four-team tournament that will be played in round-robin format before the two best placed teams play the final on June 18.

The Indian team, which won a tri-nation competition in Manipur in March, reassembled here for a three-week camp to prepare for another round of competitive matches. The national side will play the SAFF Championship immediately after the Intercontinental Cup.

Indian head coach Igor Stimac announced a squad of 26 players after conducting a series of tests to assess their fitness and the final selection, headed by captain Sunil Chhetri, will carry the country's aspirations in the upcoming tournaments.

"Although our opponents are not as tough as the teams we'll face in the Asian Cup, they're still good and competitive. Mongolia is a very aggressive side with a lot of young players in midfield and upfront," Stimac said on the eve of the match.

A challenge

"Each game will be a challenge for us. We've had enough time for preparation. Our players are here to prove that they deserve their place in the National team," he added.

"All the other three teams are ranked higher than us. But we will fight and try to have better games against them. We are very motivated to showcase our football here," said Ichiro Otsuka, the Japanese coach in charge of the Mongolian national team.

Friday's matches: Lebanon vs Vanuatu (4.30 p.m.); India vs Mongolia (7.30 p.m.).

Hussamuddin. FILE PHOTO

Boxer Hussamuddin undergoes knee surgery

Sports Bureau
HYDERABAD

Boxer Mohammad Hussamuddin successfully underwent a knee surgery in Mumbai couple of days ago. The 29-year-old Hussamuddin told *The Hindu* that he was feeling better and relaxed after the surgery.

"Hopefully, I should be back in the ring in the third week of August. After a couple of weeks of walking with support, I should be able to walk normally and then slowly resume physical conditioning," he said.

"It is a huge relief. There was a lot of dilemma whether I should undergo the surgery or not."

Chhetri has his sights set on the final of the four-nation tournament

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
BHUBANESWAR

Ready to rock: Coach Stimac and skipper Chhetri will hope India gets off to a good start. BISWARANJAN ROUT

India captain Sunil Chhetri made it very clear before the first game of the Intercontinental Cup 2023 that the Blue Tigers will be looking to play in the final of the four-nation tournament.

Igor Stimac's side will play Mongolia, Vanuatu and Lebanon at the Kalinga Stadium here from June 9, with the top two playing each other in the final on June 18.

"We've made very good use of the last three weeks here in Odisha. Hopefully, it's not three games but four," Chhetri said.

"It's strange that not only this team (batch of players) but me, throughout my career; I've never played in Bhubaneswar or anywhere in Odisha, with the national team. We're very happy and excited (to be here)."

Chhetri added that heat might be an issue in the games, with temperatures fluctuating around 40 degrees around the week in the city, but said that both playing teams would be at a disadvantage for that, making it a level-playing ground.

"We can't complain because whenever we play and whatever conditions we play in, it is going to be the same for both teams," he said.

India comes into the tournament after winning the Tri-Nations Series in Manipur and is looking to play as many international games as possible before the AFC Asian Cup in January 2024.

But the captain and India's highest goalscorer of all time feels there is no need to jump the gun.

"It's too early (to talk about the Asian Cup). He (Stimac) tries to keep it very simple for us –the training here was just for the next three matches," he told the reporters before the opening fixture.

"Of course, it is always going to be at the back of our heads, that we are training for the Asian Cup. Everyone is fighting for their position (in the Asian Cup squad) first. Only 23 boys are going to be there.

But before that, we are just thinking about this tournament and to be very specific, about Mongolia."

Ding to spearhead Triveni Continental Kings' challenge

GLOBAL CHESS LEAGUE

Sports Bureau

Newly crowned World champion Ding Liren will spearhead Triveni Continental Kings' challenge at the Global Chess League in Dubai.

At the draft, 36 players, including World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen and five-time World champion Viswanathan Anand, were selected by six franchises for the tournament beginning on June 21.

The teams:

Balan Alaskan Knights: Ian Nepomniachtchi, Teimour Radjabov, Nodirbek Abdusattorov, Tan Zhongyi, Nino Batsiashvili and Raunak Sadhwani.

Chingari Gulf Titans: Jan-Krzysztof Duda, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, Daniil Dubov, Alexandra Kosteniuk, Polina Shuvalova and Nihal Sarin.

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SG Alpine Warriors: Magnus Carlsen, D. Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi, Elisabeth Pähtz, Irina Krush and R. Praggnanandhaa.

upGrad Mumba Masters: Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, Vidit Gujrathi, Alexander Grischuk, Koneru Humpy, Dronavalli Harika and Javokhir Sindarov.

Triveni Continental Kings: Ding Liren, Wei Yi, Yu Yangyi, Kateryna Lagno, Nana Dzagnidze and Jonas Buhl Bjerre.

SNAPSHOTS

Indian women thrash Chinese Taipei to enter the semifinals

KAKAMIGAHARA (JAPAN): The Indian junior women's hockey team confirmed its spot in the semifinals of the Asia Cup by mauling Chinese Taipei 11-0 in its last pool match here on Thursday.

The win also cemented India's position on top of Pool-A.

India finished the group stage of the tournament unbeaten, having won three games and drawn one.

India will play Japan or Kazakhstan in the semifinals on Saturday.

The result: India 11 (Vaishnavi 1, Deepika 3, Annu 10, 52, Rutuja 12, Neelam 19, Manju 33, Sunelita 43, 57, Deepika 46 and Mumtaz 55) bt Chinese Taipei 0.

Bhavya misses trap final by two points

SUHL (GERMANY): Bhavya Tripathi shot 110 in junior women's trap and missed the final by two points in the Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany, on Thursday.

Aashima Ahlawat (106), Sabeera Harris (100) and Nilaa Baalu (100) placed 15th, 22nd and 23rd respectively.

The Indian team of Bhavya, Sabeera and Nilaa placed fourth behind Italy, USA and Czech Republic.

Berlin beckons

Best of luck: Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur receives the Flame of Hope from IOA president P.T. Usha during the send-off ceremony for the Berlin Special Olympic Games contingent in New Delhi on Thursday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Neil McDonald named BFC's assistant coach

Bengaluru FC, on Thursday, announced the appointment of Englishman Neil McDonald as the club's assistant coach ahead of the 2023-24 season. The 57-year-old, formerly manager of Blackpool FC, has also served as assistant manager at Bolton Wanderers alongside Sam Allardyce, and was part of Phil Brown's backroom staff at Hyderabad FC in 2019.

A former player himself, McDonald turned out for several first division clubs in England, in a playing career that spanned 17 years. As a midfielder, McDonald played 300 games across stints at Newcastle United and Everton, and was also part of the Bolton Wanderers squad that took on Liverpool FC in the FA Cup final of 1989.

Seasoned: McDonald brings with him a rich experience as a player and coach. TWITTER/BENGALURUFC

Siddharth, Shishir hit tons as Bangalore Occasionals overhaul a big target

A. Siddharth (130) and R. Shishir (116) helped Bangalore Occasionals chase down a 385-run target with five wickets to spare against Century Cricketers in the KSCA under-19 inter-club tournament.

The scores: Century Cricketers 384/7 in 50 overs (Darun L. Reddy 26, Pradyumna Panigrahy 97, Hari Rajiv 152, Shivpratap Singh 48, Manuveer Mahajan 3/41) lost to Bangalore Occasionals 388/5 in 46 overs (V. Lokaksha 25, S. Vajra 67, R. Shishir 116, A. Siddharth 130).

Swastic Union CC (2) 239 in 36.3 overs (M.B. Shivam 36, S.U. Karthik 88, Dheeraj J. Gowda 42, N. Niranjan 37 n.o., Nitesh Gowda 5/44) bt BUCC (1) 125 in 30 overs (S.A. Sachin 4/25).

Mount Joy CC 203 in 47.4 overs (Amogh R. Shetty 35, Prahas S. Nairy 82, Kanishkaa 28, C. Dilip 3/31) bt Chintamani SA 127 in 35.4 overs (Siddharth Ashok 3/15).

FUCC (2) 262/7 in 50 overs (Siddesh A. Asalkar 74, Raag Punja 48, Dhruv Modhe 41, V. Srithan 25, P. Jeevan 3/31) bt Young Lions Club 201 in 36.2 overs (Shahid Ahmed 41, S. Vinay Radha 72 n.o, Ansh Singh 3/37, Dhruv Vasu 3/42).

Jawahar SC (2) 329/ 9 in 50 overs (P.M. Daiwik 151, Amith K. Kalyan 51, H. Amogh 53, Rishit Negi 4/81) bt Yankees CC 202/6 in 50 overs (Naman Choudhary 59 n.o).

Coles CC 314/9 in 50 overs (Srey Rithwik Kabolu 78, Adwait Jain 34, Siddhant Pathak 64 n.o, Sanjay Kumar Purohit 3/70) bt Visweswarapuram CC 128 in 27.3 overs (K.N. Anant 27 n.o, Abhinv Shah 3/12, Gagan 3/6).

Swastic Union CC (1) 267/6 in 49 overs (R.V. Rohit 106 n.o, S. Abhirath 48, Rishav Appachu Manavtira 56, Susheel R Udupi 3/63) bt Jupiter CA 149 in 30.1 overs (A. Abhishek 26, Jay Dipen Raja 27, Susheel R. Udupi 27 n.o.) [Match was first reduced to 49 overs because of rain and later the target was revised to 202 from 37 overs because of further rain interruption].

Malleswaram Gymkhana 256 in 47.2 overs (B.S. Sachin Bharadwaj 100, S. Monish 49, Arnav Sajan 3/46, T. Harshvardhan 3/37) lost to The Bangalore Cricketers 257/2 in 39.1 overs (Vishruth Uday Krishna 57, Pramod Jadhav 25, D.S. Bhushan 104 n.o, S Daivik 38 n.o).

Young Boys FC routs Heroes FC

M. Robinson and A. Guru scored a brace each as Young Boys FC thrashed Heroes FC, Channapatna 7-0 in the BDFA c-div football league here on Thursday.

The results: Bagalgunte FC 1 (A. Pranav 16) bt Rovers FC 0; Young Dynamos FC 4 (V. Vivek 12, 26, 60, O. Vignesh 33) bt BOSCH FC 0; Afghan FC 2 (R. Joseph 25, Joshuva Daniel 46) bt Bangalore Boys 1 (Vishnu 27); Young Boys FC 7 (Maheswara 3, A. Ruthiswar 5, A. Dawson 7, M. Robinson 40, 51, A. Guru 52, 57) bt Heroes FC, Channapatna 0.

KSFA North and South c-div league: Bangalore Champs FC 9 (Sreejith 6, Fayas 8, 31, 47, Samrudh 25, T. Rajesh 27, 49, P.C. Vijeesh 34, Ashin 69) bt Football Aura 0; United Aces FC 3 (Ravibabu 16, Joseph Sunil 39, Ranjith 70+1) bt BOB Marley FC 0.

DPS East gets the better of Bangalore United

DPS East overpowered Bangalore United HC 4-2 in the D.S. Murthy Memorial hockey tournament here on Thursday.

The results: DPS East 4 (Sadik 20, Sreedev 25, Elden 26, Jiteesh Ijaz 50) bt Bangalore United HC 2 (Vimal 8, Arvind 43); Young Star HC, Raichur 3 (Ankit 4, 38, M.K. Vinayak 16) bt Ashco HC 2 (Venkataramana 23, Sathya Guru 39).

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